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# Merry Christmas

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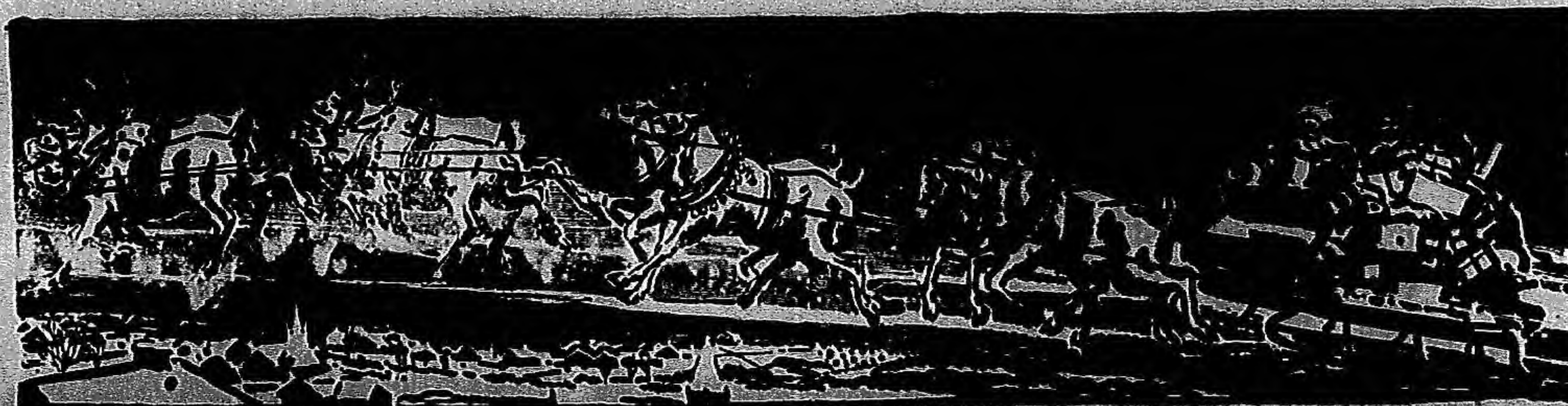
It is natural at the Christmas season to look back over the year! It is then we realize that friendship and friendliness play an important part in making business life more thoroughly wholesome and enjoyable. Yes, it is then that we realize that our many pleasant business relationships make life a happy experience.

It is only natural, too, that we look upon all those we serve as our good friends . . . And while between friends, it is hardly necessary to express one's feelings, we are mighty glad that the Christmas Spirit gives us an opportunity to pledge anew our friendship for you and to express our gratitude for your goodwill.

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## Little Interest Seen In Whitechurch Contest

With Whitechurch township nominations scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 27, at Vandorf, little interest appears to be evinced among the electors. The entire council has indicated they will again seek re-election. Reeve Lorne Evans, in seeking his third term, speaks of it as being his last year in office. Deputy Reeve Edward Logan and other council members have indicated they are satisfied to remain in their present posts. Rumor has it that A. J. Jackson of Wilcox Lake may be nominated for a council seat. Electors in that part of the township are said to be dissatisfied with their road conditions and as a result may run a candidate. This development however will not be known until nomination day.

## AURORA CHURCHES

Miss Helen Baycroft was elected president of the Evening Auxiliary at Aurora United church at the annual meeting held this month. Other officers elected are, honorary pres., Miss Mable Chappell; vice-pres., Mrs. Harold Clark, Mrs. Ken. Giles; rec. sec., Mrs. J. Pennock; treas., Miss Mildred Graham; christian stewardship, Mrs. Bennett; temperance sec., Mrs. W. Graham; Community Friendship, Mrs. Phyllis Davis; supply sec., Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. McLeod; pianist, Miss Lelia Reynolds. A service will be held at 11.30 p.m. Christmas Eve at Trinity Anglican church followed by Holy Communion. On Christmas Day, Holy Communion will be administered at 8 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. services.

Gifts from the White Gift service at Temperanceville United church on Sunday were forwarded to England for distribution among the needy of Buxted, Sussex, Eng., by the father of the pastor, Rev. E. C. Muddle. The Aurora United church Mission Band at its December meeting elected the following officers for 1948: pres., Nancy Stocks; vice pres., Nan Dennis; sec., Margaret Barrager; treas., Mrs. J. Pennock.

Mrs. Harold Clark is superintendent of this group, Mrs. J. Pennock, assistant, and Mrs. Roy Fierheller, pianist.

Officers elected for the coming year by the Ladies' Aid of St. Andrews' Presbyterian church are: pres., Mrs. D. Barker; vice pres., Mrs. Wyatt Baldwin, Mrs. Geo. Ward; treas., Mrs. I. Watts; sec., Mrs. M. Rank; assistant, Mrs. J. Shave; flower convener, Mrs. J. M. McDowell; visiting conveners, Mrs. D. McDonald, Mrs. E. Glass.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Y.W.M.S. officers for 1948 are: pres., Mrs. Irwin Watts; first vice pres., Mrs. W. C. Baldwin; second vice pres., Mrs. R. Easdale; sec., Mrs. Geo. Ward; assistant sec., Mrs. W. Duff; treas., Mrs. L. Lawaska; Glad Tidings sec., Mrs. M. Rank; Welfare and Sick, Mrs. A. Rose; press sec., Mrs. H. Easdale and Mrs. W. C. Baldwin; supply sec., Mrs. G. Hooper; program com., Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Stocks, Mrs. Watts and Mrs. Baldwin.

The annual meeting and election of officers of Trinity Parochial Guild was held last Tuesday evening at the rectory. Officers elected for the coming year are: honorary pres., Miss Eva Lemon; past pres., Mrs. A. Hazen; pres., Mrs. Arthur Ashton; vice-pres., Mrs. Gordon Seaton; sec., Mrs. T. Newton; treas., Mrs. S. Patrick.

## Aurora Social News

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Mr. Vaughan Williams, New York City, is visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Williams.

Mr. T. A. M. Hulse attended the Christmas party given by Mr. John Stuart at Markham on Saturday.

Attending the zone E2 Canadian Legion council Christmas party at Newmarket on Wednesday of last week from Aurora were: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sisman, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Steadman, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Story, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bretz, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. M. Hulse and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Knowles.

Mrs. Albert Preston has returned from hospital after a recent operation and is successfully convalescing at her home.

Mrs. G. A. Bunn has returned home after spending several months in England visiting relatives.

Miss Bertha Andrews, Walkerton, is spending the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. M. L. Andrews.

Mrs. Harry Richbell attended the funeral of Alfred Hole at Willowdale last Saturday.

University students home for the Christmas holidays include Miss Geraldine King, Columbia University, George King, Queen's University, Bud Gilbert, Bill Devins and Emmerson Jennings, O.A.C., Guelph, David Snell, McMaster University, Bill Babcock, Pete Crysedale, Joan Crysedale, John Crysedale, Larry Maughan, John Youngs, Constance Brodie, Harold Neilly, Homer Neilly, University of Toronto.

"C" Squadron, Queen's York Rangers, members and their ladies held a gala Christmas party last Saturday evening at the Aurora Armory.

Aurora Branch, 385, Canadian Legion, is holding a theatre party and ladies night on Thursday, Jan. 15, for Legion members only.

Miss Constance Willis, Hamilton, is spending Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Willis.

Dr. and Mrs. Crawford Rose entertained following the Ouchterlony recital on Tuesday of last week.

## Newmarket Social News

Phone Newmarket 780

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Prest are spending Christmas with Mr. Prest's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. David Cameron of Oshawa.

—Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Chambers, Toronto, will spend Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Smith.

—Mr. and Mrs. Geraint Watson, Island Creek, are spending the holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Lepard.

—Mrs. George Flavell, Toronto, accompanied by her son, Albert, was the Sunday guest of Mrs. S. E. Mustin.

—Miss Margaret O'Sullivan, Toronto, was the weekend guest of Miss Grace McDonald.

—Mrs. Bessie Orvis, Wooler, will spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Boyd, and Mr. Boyd.

—Mrs. D. Cameron, Aurora, was the recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Max Cameron and family.

—Mrs. Cyril Thompson, Luton, Bedfordshire, England, accompanied by her son, John, arrived in Newmarket on the weekend. Mr. Thompson arrived in Canada by plane on September 17. They are making their home with Mr. and Mrs. T. Watson.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Young, Toronto, will be the Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Ion.

—Commander D. F. Chisholm of the U.S.A. navy and Mrs. Chisholm, accompanied by the commander's aunt, Mrs. Geo. Mercweather, Holt, spent a few days with the commander's cousin, Mrs. Theo Crittenden, and family.

—Miss Josephine Reilly, Bradford, and Mr. Stewart, Saskatchewan, spent December 14 with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Toporoski.

## Legion News

The Food for Britain appeal launched by the dominion president in Newmarket as the Legion's wedding gift for Princess Elizabeth has met with gratifying response. More than \$10,000 has been received at Legion headquarters in Ottawa. This includes such contributions as \$1,000 from the Saskatchewan command, Ladies' Auxiliary and \$1,000 from the Nova Scotia command. The objective, however, is \$100,000, sufficient for the purpose of the distribution of 10,000 care parcels to British ex-service families.

Some First and Second World War figures: The average disability pension being paid to veterans of World War I is \$30.90 monthly, while World War II disability pensions average \$24.34 monthly.

The average age of pensioners of World War I is 59 years and for World War II is 24 years. It is interesting to note the difference in the average age of 25 years is exactly the same as that between the outbreaks of the two wars.

The entire country and Canada's ex-service community in particular is deeply shocked by the tragic incident in Ottawa last month in which a pension medical examiner was shot by an embittered 59-year-old veteran of the First Great War. He later shot himself. This veteran's disability pension had been reduced by the Canadian Pension Commission. However deep our regret and our sympathy, there is no denying that the tragedy focuses attention on an unsatisfactory aspect of the pension administration policy that disability pensioners of the First Great War can have their pensions reduced as a result of medical re-examination—a policy which the Canadian Legion has condemned on many occasions.

During the month of October the Canadian Pension Commission, according to a public statement, re-examined 399 World War I veterans. Of these, 215 were continued in their pensions; 171 had their pensions increased and 13 had their pensions reduced—but why any reduction at all when as far back as 1936 a policy was developed by the pension commission (and was printed and distributed to its pension medical examiners throughout the country), which was to eliminate the periodic call ups of World War I veterans for the purpose of checking on their pensionable condition. According to the directive then issued, the periodic examinations were to be discontinued, except in those cases where there was a substantial probability that there had been an increase in the disability.

Three old men were discussing the ideal way of dying. The first, aged 75 said he'd like to crash in a car going 80 m.p.h. The second, 85, said he'd like to take his finish in a 400 m.p.m. plane. "I've got a better idea," said the third, aged 93: "I'd like to be shot by a jealous husband."

## SCHOMBERG

After nearly 40 years' service to Schomberg and surrounding district, the Schomberg Telephone Co. is to be sold and incorporated into the system of the Woodbridge and Vaughan Telephone Company.

Shareholders approved the sale at a meeting held at Schomberg. The sale will be held up until legal technicalities are straightened out.

Incorporated in 1910, the Schomberg Co. has two of the original directors still serving as officers. They are M. Dillane, president, and J. H. Sutton, secretary.

The senior girl sniffed disdainfully as the pink-cheeked freshman boy cut in. "Just why did you have to cut in when I was dancing?" she asked. "Sorry," the freshman said, hanging his head in humility, "I'm working my way through college and your partner was waving a \$3 bill at me."—Highway Traveller.



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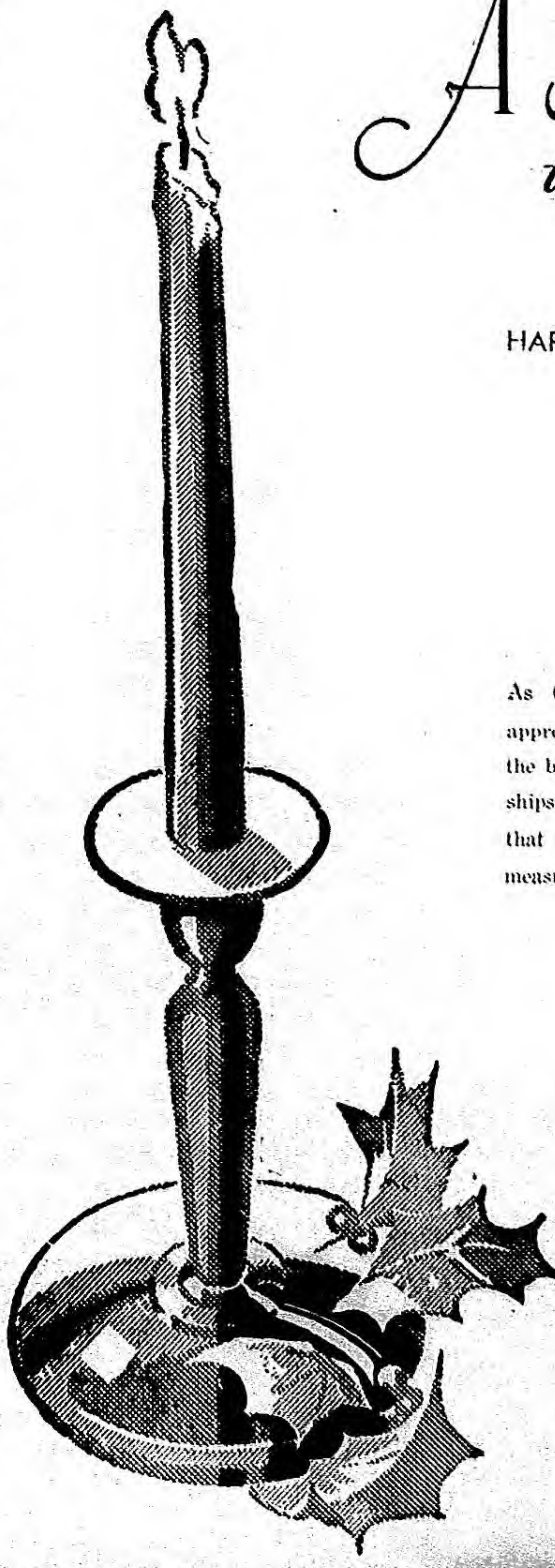
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TO EVERYONE



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for the coming year.  
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GREETINGS

GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES  
FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

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best wishes for a happy New Year go our heart-felt thanks  
for your kind patronage of the past — for your  
continued patronage in the future.

**Newmarket Building Co.**

Phones 866 and 160

Annual Agricultural Course  
In Newmarket In January

Newmarket — Announcement has just been made by Agricultural Representative W. M. Cockburn that the annual four weeks' course in agriculture will be held in Newmarket in January with the sessions being held in the spacious board room of the new department of agriculture office in the Geer & Byers block opposite the town hall. These short courses are held at a different point in the county each year and it is 11 years since there was one in this district.

The first of these courses in York county was held in the old high school at Newmarket by the first agricultural representative, Professor J. C. Steckley, now director of the Ridgetown Experimental Farm, and looking over pictures of these early classes recently there was an impressive number of those "boys" who are now successful farmers. One of the exceptions is W. J. Geer who recently made such a fine job of renovating part of his block to provide the most up-to-date agricultural office accommodation in the province.

While basically the course will be somewhat along the lines of those held in recent years, it is planned to have a number of outstanding farmer speakers and a few specialists throughout the month. Classes will be held Monday to Friday from 9.30 to 4. The course is intended for the North York district and now that the roads are kept open in winter, about 25, mostly young men, from Kettleby to Keswick have already indicated their intentions to attend these practical discussions of farm problems and visits to stock farms.

'Borealis' Hits Street  
With Scoop

Aurora — The Aurora Borealis, Aurora public school's paper, made its appearance last week, and editors Arlene Morrison and Anne McRae and reporters Doris McCloskey, John Urquhart and Betty Holman did a fine job of producing the eight-page Christmas issue. Contributing artists were: Elizabeth Hearn (cover), Julie Preston and Grant Wyatt. Jokes, editorials, a list of new pupils, a resume of school activities. The Legion Essay competition, Mary Adams' story of the oratorical contest, and stories or poems by Doris McCloskey, Art Southwood, Mary Stocks, Penny Grieves, John Stephenson, Nancy Stocks, Ann Perdue, Alberta Seaton were included.

With a real nose for news the reporters caught the flash news story of Joan Knott who arrived at the school on December 8 and had seen the Royal wedding procession in London before coming to Canada. A flash news dispatch was the announcement of the next Home and School Association meeting on January 12 with Dr. Reva Gerstein as speaker and Miss Peggy Harding, cellist, as guest artist.

The name "Borealis" was suggested by Principal Delroy Babcock.

MARKS BIRTHDAY

Congratulations are extended to Wilmot Appleton of Snowball who celebrated his 87th birthday on December 12. He keeps abreast of the times and is in fair health.

Give The Era and Express for Christmas.

Aurora United Has  
Candlelight Service

Aurora — A capacity congregation from all denominations in Aurora enjoyed the beautiful candlelight service at Aurora United church on Sunday evening. Beautifully decorated, the choir loft featured a Christmas motif. Rev. R. F. Hicks delivered the Christmas message and expressed hope that "peace on earth good-will towards men" so missing in the world today might be reached to some degree in 1948. He urged all nations to bury bitterness and try and understand each other. The choir under the direction of Illyd Harris, sang: "Searching Carol," "Carol of the Russian Children-White Russia," "Gesu Bambino" by Pietro Holtz, "In the Bleak Midwinter" (Holtz), "Angels We Have Heard," (French), "How Far To Bethlehem" (Shaw), "Let Carols Ring" (Black).

CHARGE DISMISSED

Joseph Gibbs, 65, was acquitted on a charge of indecent assault by His Honor Judge Ambrose Shea in county court criminal sessions at Toronto last week. Defence Counsel was T. A. M. Hulse, Aurora, while W. O. Gibson, K.C., represented the crown.

LADIES MEET

The Senior Ladies Aid Missionary Society of the Christian church meet at the home of Mrs. W. Winkworth, 17 Queen St. E., on Tuesday, Dec. 30, at 2.30 p.m.

DOWN THE CENTRE

By AB HULSE

CABBAGES AND KINGS OF YESTERYEAR

Where are they? Gather round, chums, and we'll give the low-down on some of the lads you used to either cheer or jeer, on the ice lanes not so long ago. Sparky Vail of Newmarket Redmen Dominion champs of 1933 is referee in chief in the Timmins district of the N.O.H.A. Some of the fans have been confusing him with another Vail who is refereeing in the American Hockey League. He is the Owen Sound-Toronto Vail and is not to be confused with our "Sparky". Nobody can yet explain why the two are called "Sparky". Don Hamilton, who guarded the nets for Aurora juniors with finesse and aplomb in 1942 is linesman in the mercantile circuit at Ravina rink and also will be handling O.H.A. games this winter. Teddy Graham, ex-professional and one-time sports officer at Newmarket camp, along with Bu'ch Keeling, another one-time hockey great and ex-Owen Sound Greys junior, and Norm Locking who played with this trio in junior O.H.A. back in 1927 against Newmarket Redmen, are former Owen Sounders now refereeing.

Terry Blacchi, good looking Italian-Canadian speedster who was top scorer in the district mercantile league with Newmarket camp in 1945-46, is scintillating with Soo Atomies this winter. The Soo team is one of the best in the north. Wally Zuke, another ex-Newmarket camp player and also from the Soo, has returned to action with Stratford seniors. Zuke headed for Hollywood earlier in the year, returned to his native city and then went back to Stratford with whom he played last winter. Bunny Glover, once with Aurora R.C.O.C. in hockey and softball, is with Stantons in the Ravina circuit, while Al Shill and Bert Turney, who were members of the 1943 intermediate champions, Aurora army, are in action at Varsity arena. Al is a teammate of Bill Thoms and Turney is with Stoneys.

Playing stonewall hockey in the twine cottage for the motor-men is Ross Waddell who was with Aurora juniors in 1941. We may be a bit prejudiced but with the possible exception of Kid Harman, we have always regarded Waddell as the best netminder to play in the district in the last 25 years. We stand to be corrected and we probably will be. Johnny Sullivan, son of Frank "Pinch-bitter" Sullivan of Varsity fame, is with Owen Sound Mercurys in senior. Sullivan for three years played standout hockey with Richmond Hill juniors and he's one of the reasons the Sounders have moved up in the senior circuit. Jack Gibbon, better known as "Busher", who was with Newmarket juniors in the early 40's and also was utility catcher with Newmarket softballers, is located in Toronto and scheduled to take the ice for Hoffman's in the intermediate A circuit. Tom Chipman, who played excellent hockey for St. Andrew's College in inter-school and prep school hockey, is in action with Varsity juniors this winter and he's their leading scorer. Tommy Dales, baseballer, basketballer, hockeyist and track and field performer of more than passing ability, will play his hockey with St. Andrew's College this winter. The likeable Newmarket youngster doesn't expect to play basketball. Nip Spooner, ex-Camp Borden and Aurora R.C.O.C. athlete, is booked to play his hockey with Collingwood this winter and he'll be seen by Newmarket fans against Hoffman's. Wally Corner, who played junior hockey in the district with both Toronto navy and Markham juniors, is on the forward line for Stratford juniors and doing right well in the higher brackets.

Herb Sawdon, one-time clerk of King twp. and district school master, is principal at Woodbridge public school and has a fine hockey league going among the pupils down south. Doc Ames, goalie on one of the greatest hockey teams ever turned out in Newmarket, is now one of the provincial vice presidents of the C.C.F. and slated to be a federal candidate in the next general election. Colborne is, of course, one of Kirkland Lake's most popular residents. Art Armstrong, veteran mercantile and once with Sutton Greenshirts is now resident in Woodbridge and Charlie Rowntree has lined up Art, better known as "Army", to perform for his O.R.H.A. entry. More of this chit-chat later.

NEIGHBORHOOD GOSSIP

Fred Scott, big, fast-breaking defenceman of Markham Millionaires and one of the best liked players in the league, has been elected captain of the Millionaires for 1947-48. Newmarket Gapcoes are preparing to throw a monkey wrench into the roster plans of both Aurora and Victoria Square according to all reports. The Newmarket executive feel that they have as much claim to certain players as either the Simmons clan or the southerners and Messrs. Haskett, Thoms and company are busy studying the new O.H.A. rules in this regard. Merv Broughton is pretty well satisfied with his present roster but naturally enough wants to protect his team's prospects. Sounds like the old days and of course the gates won't suffer with some "feudin' and fussin'". Hal Rogers calls to advise that Aurora juniors will be known as Aurora Flyers. The new sweaters have arrived and are in green and gold, not as previously reported in red and gold. Somebody suggests that with the prominent group of sportsmen behind the club who are really giving out with support for the kids they should be known as the Greenbacks.

Stouffville arena comes of age on Christmas Eve. It's just 21 years ago the present structure was built and came into use. Lighting, painting and an enlarged press box are features for this season. Press passes doubtless come next. Group convenors for O.H.A. hockey are: junior, Bruce Clarke, Stouffville; intermediate A group 3 (northern), Boyd Balkwill, Orillia; group 2 (southern), Ernie Lawrie, Markham; intermediate B, group 12, Jack Rutherford, Midland. All convenors are in action already on the group schedules.

Fred Morris, the bossman of softball at Langstaff, played Santa Claus to Billy Bowen and his teammates recently. The gallant Langstaff nine, who almost bumped off Newmarket Vets, all received windbreakers for their season's efforts. The Langstaff Athletic club of which Fred is president is presently arranging for an open air rink on the softball diamond and anyone wishing to make a donation can send it to Fred or the secretary, Mrs. S. Worsdale, Langstaff. Keith Knowles, sports officer for Aurora Canadian Legion, hopes to have a hockey team of "bush league" calibre in action after the New Year. It's a start for next season, according to Keith. Bob Moody, the irrepressible sports impresario from Schomberg, was elected as one of the commissioners of the 'Berg' this month. Bob is back again in rural hockey.

NOEL, NOEL, NOEL

The greeting cards are starting to flow in and already we've received hellos from Charl Holmes, Clarence Campbell, president of the N.H.L.; Reg Westbrooke, Collingwood-Bulletin Enterprise; Mike Palangio, Cochrane; Ken Waters, president O.M.H.A.; Jim Worrall, Canadian Olympic track coach; Charlie Atkinson, Willowdale; Otto King, president O.S.A. The ones closer to home will be arriving soon we hope we hope. We always get a big thrill out of receiving from a bunch of swell fellows. There's something cosy and satisfying to find busy chaps taking time out to extend Yuletide greetings. None of us like to feel we're forgotten we guess. John Stuart ushered in the Christmas season with a super-duper pre-Noel party at Markham on Saturday. The crowd attending read like a who's who in the world of sports, press radio and politics and the doughty Scotchman was the perfect host with everything from turns to aspirins being provided. It'll linger in our memory for a long while to come. To all our readers, our correspondents, our friends and our critics too, who have helped us along the way in 1947 and made writing this column a bit easier and a bit more pleasant we extend season's greetings. There's no words printed or said that can express our feelings towards you better than a plain Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

PLAN SALVAGE DRIVE

Aurora — The first waste paper salvage drive of the New Year will be held under the auspices of the Aurora Victorian Order Nurse committee, and citizens are urged to continue their saving of paper including Christmas wrappings. The committee is canvassing Aurora businessmen this week for donations. Income tax receipts are issued for amounts over \$1.

W.I. HELPS BABIES

Aurora — The Women's Institute met on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. A. Eklund, Wells St. Mrs. James Brooks, convenor of the social welfare committee, was in charge and each member brought a present

for a baby in the Fred Victor Mission, Toronto. They will be delivered to Toronto in time for the kiddies' Christmas party.

UNVEIL WINDOW

Aurora — On Sunday, Dec. 14, a memorial window in memory of the late Mrs. Lucy Crockett was unveiled at St. Mary's Anglican church, Richmond Hill. Mrs. Crockett, for many years matron at the L.T.B. orphanage at Elgin Mills, was well known in Aurora where she had many friends. The window appropriately depicts the Bible story of our Lord ministering to little children.

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And He shall be called Prince of Peace

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL

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AND A  
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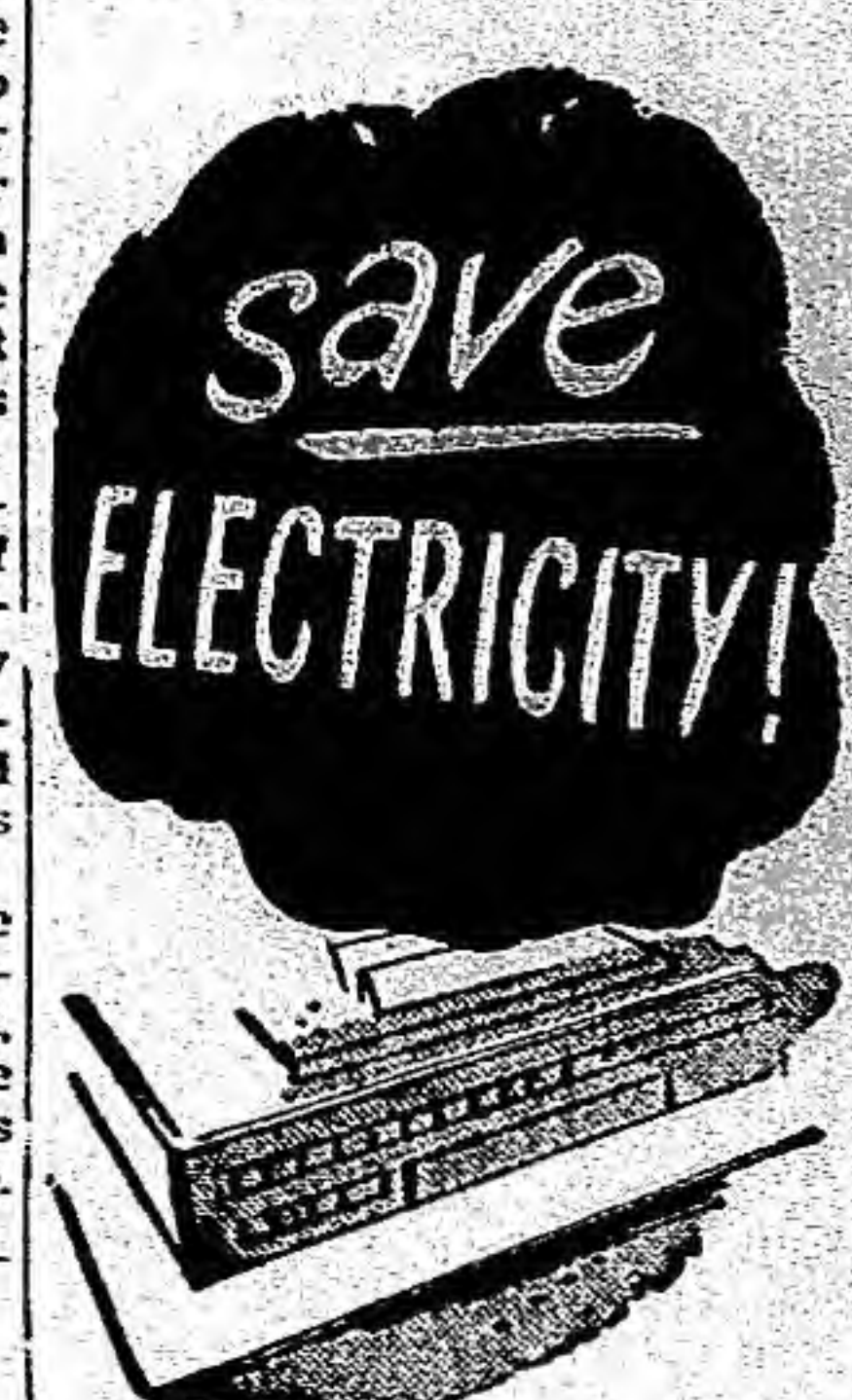
By GEO. HASKETT, JR.

Fast and furious hockey was the ticket Friday when Hoffman's made a visit to Gravenhurst for an exhibition fixture. The contest may have been billed as exhibition but the teams whacked into each other as though the Stanley Cup were at stake. The pace was terrific with lots of high sticking and the odd punch or two being thrown in to perk up the fan excitement. The Indians had a bit too much class in the goal-scoring department, romping home to a 9-2 win over Hoffman laddies. The chief villains, so far as Hoffman's were concerned, was the front line of Pelsura, Brazier and Jones. This trio got together for no less than eight of nine goals on the record sheet for the Indians. Mac Ogilvie, no stranger to this neck of the woods, counted the other marker. Bill Johnston, patrolling the centre ice lane, managed to snare a pass from Don Smith for the initial counter for "our gang". It came midway through the middle frame. It broke the goose-egg chalked up against Hoffman's. At the time Indians had a four-goal margin. The second counter for Newman came from the stick of defenceman Cliff Gunn. Gunner who teamed up with Whitey Bone, played a smashing, dashing game at the blue line and certainly rated a star for his work. Hoffman's were without the services of several of their expected operators. Bill Thoms, Joe Peat, "Mutt" Collings, Joe Magani and Bohmer Groves were unable to make the trip.

#### DOUBLE HEADER

Newmarket—A double header will be played at the Newmarket memorial arena when Woodbridge plays Newmarket in mid-evening and juveniles on Tuesday, Dec. 23. The midlets play at 7 p.m. and juveniles at 8:30 p.m.

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## NOTICE

Once again the Christmas season is with us. During past years many disastrous fires have occurred, often with fatal results.

I would therefore ask all citizens to use utmost care with inflammable decorations, dispose of all loose paper wrappings and give close inspection to all electric circuits used for illumination of Christmas trees.

J. BRAMMAR,  
Fire Chief.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

#### WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 11 p.m.  
Under the auspices of the Newmarket Ministerial Association at

#### THE GOSPEL TABERNACLE

Leader: Rev. L. E. Sparks  
Preacher: Rev. M. E. R. Boudreau  
The pastor, Rev. L. J. Lake, will officiate at the Holy Communion

#### FREE METHODIST CHURCH

31 Millard Ave.  
REV. G. H. BACHIE, Pastor  
10 a.m.—Sunday-school  
Miss Clara E. Crowder, supt.  
11 a.m.—Morning worship  
7 p.m.—Song and praise by Young People. Evangelistic rally.  
Radio Hour every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. over CHML.

#### In Memoriam

Cameron—In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Norman Cameron, who passed away December 25, 1946.

The flowing stream of life rolls on. But still the vacant chair, Recalls the love, the voice, the smile.

Of him who once sat there. His life was one long sacrifice, His heart was true and tender; He toiled so hard for those he loved.

Then left us to remember. Sadly missed and ever remembered by his wife Elma, daughter Mae and son-in-law Charlie.

Clark — In loving memory of my darling mother, Mrs. Wm. Clark, who went to be with Jesus, December 25, 1945.

Somewhere beyond the shadows, Dwells a dear, sweet mother of mine.

Whom I looked on as a treasure, Whom I cherished as divine. But God called the one I loved away.

Forget you dear mother, no I never will; As years roll on, I miss you still, The blow was great, the shock severe;

I little thought the end was near, It is only those who have lost can tell; The sorrow of parting without farewell.

But God is good, He gave me strength; To bear my bitter cross. He is the only one who knows how bitter is my loss.

Lovingly remembered by daughter Eva, and Douglas.

Clark—In loving memory of a dear mother, Mrs. Wm. Clark, who went to be with Jesus, December 25, 1945.

One by one they go before us, But we know they're watching over us.

They, the fair, the good, the true. Some day, some time, our eyes shall see

The faces we loved so well. Some day we'll clasp their loving hands

And never say farewell. Always remembered by Mary, Harvey, Frank, Eva, Wesley and Flora.

Clark—In loving remembrance of a dear grandmother, Mrs. Wm. Clark, who passed away December 25, 1945.

Two years have passed, dear grandma, Since you went away, So well do we remember That sad and fatal day.

God had a hand of angels That was not quite complete, So He took our darling grandma To fill that vacant seat.

Deeply remembered by all your grandchildren.

Davidson—In loving memory of a dear father, William Davidson, who passed away December 17, 1944.

You're not forgotten, father, dear, Nor ever shall you be; As long as life and memory last We shall remember thee.

Ever remembered by son Clifford, daughter-in-law Annie and grandchildren, Richard and Jimmie.

Foundain—In loving memory of our dear uncle, C. J. James (Jim) Foundain, killed in action on December 20, 1941, buried in Villanova cemetery, Italy.

Sweet memories will linger forever, Time cannot change them, it's true; Years that may come cannot sever, Our loving remembrance of you.

Lovingly remembered by Doris, Verne and Lowell.

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### COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, Dec. 23 — Junior Farmers' dance in Sharon hall. Miller's orchestra. Special prizes. Cafeteria lunch. Admission 35c.

Tuesday, Dec. 23 — Newmarket Veterans' Association Christmas binglo, Newmarket town hall, 8 p.m. sharp. Jack pot \$35. Will go on a full card. If more than one winner this prize will be divided. Attendance prize \$5. Share-the-Wealth, and other good prizes. Proceeds for welfare work. Admission 35c.

Wednesday, Dec. 31 — Newmarket Lions Annual New Year's Eve dance at Newmarket High school auditorium. \$4 a couple. cr2w47

Wednesday, Dec. 31 — Euchre in aid of the Keswick hockey club will be held in the Keswick school.

Monday, Jan. 5 to 30 — Short course in Agriculture, mechanics, and farm management, in the board rooms of the Agriculture office, Newmarket, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dancing at Middlebrook's air-conditioned dance hall at Armitage every Wednesday and Saturday evening to Bill Smith's orchestra of Toronto.

Dancing every Friday night at Cookstown Pavilion. Don Gilkes and his nine-piece orchestra. 118

Dancing every Saturday evening at Club 14, Millard Ave., Newmarket to Max Bong and his orchestra. 164

Dancing every Saturday night at Schomberg to Norm Buring and his King's Men. Commencing 9 p.m. sharp. 158

### BIRTHS

Cooper—At York County hospital, Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cooper, Roche's Point, a son, William Frederick. 114

Douglas—At York County hospital, Sunday, Dec. 21, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Douglas, Oak Ridges, a son. 114

Dyke—At York County hospital, Sunday, Dec. 21, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dyke, Elgin Mills, a son. 114

Hallman—At York County hospital, Friday, Dec. 19, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hallman, R. R. 2, Markham, a daughter. 114

Hartman—At York County hospital, Thursday, Dec. 18, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. George Hartman, Bradford, a son. 114

Hare—At York County hospital, Monday, Dec. 22, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hare, Holland Landing, a son. 114

Mino—At York County hospital, Sunday, Dec. 21, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mino, Norwich, a daughter. 114

Ward—At York County hospital, Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ward, R. R. 1, Newmarket, a son. 114

### DEATHS

Hogart — At the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Frank. Bolton, 5 Macell St., Aurora, on Saturday, Dec. 20, 1947, Jennie Creaser, wife of the late Herbert Bogart. 114

Resting at the chapel of Roadhouse and Rose. Funeral service at the Church of the Nazarene on Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 2 o'clock. Interment Newmarket cemetery. 114

Edmondson — On Saturday, Dec. 20, 1947, at Queen Elizabeth hospital, Toronto, Annie Elizabeth Edmondson, formerly of 31 Wynne Ave., daughter of the late William and Martha Edmondson. 114

Funeral service this afternoon at 1 p.m. Interment Mount Pleasant cemetery, Bradford. 114

Horne—After a prolonged illness at her home, Zephyr, Friday evening, Dec. 19, 1947, Rebecca Hornsby, in her 84th year, widow of the late William Hornsby, and mother of Norman of Zephyr, Eva (Mrs. L. Wood Walker) of Zephyr, Mason of Canington, George of Winnipeg, Laura and Frank, deceased. 114

Funeral service in Zephyr United church on Monday afternoon at 2:30. Interment Zephyr cemetery. 114

Milne—At York County hospital, on Monday, Dec. 22, 1947, Frank Milne, in his 69th year, husband of Kate Fitts, and dear father of Irene, (Mrs. Titus Peregrine) and Leonard. 114

Resting at the Strasser funeral home, Queensville. Service in the chapel on Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 2:30 p.m. Interment Queensville cemetery. 114

Thoms—At Newmarket, on Sunday, Dec. 21, 1947, Annie Mildred Thoms, wife of David Thoms, mother of Harry, Charles, Lillian, William, Mabel and Mildred. 114

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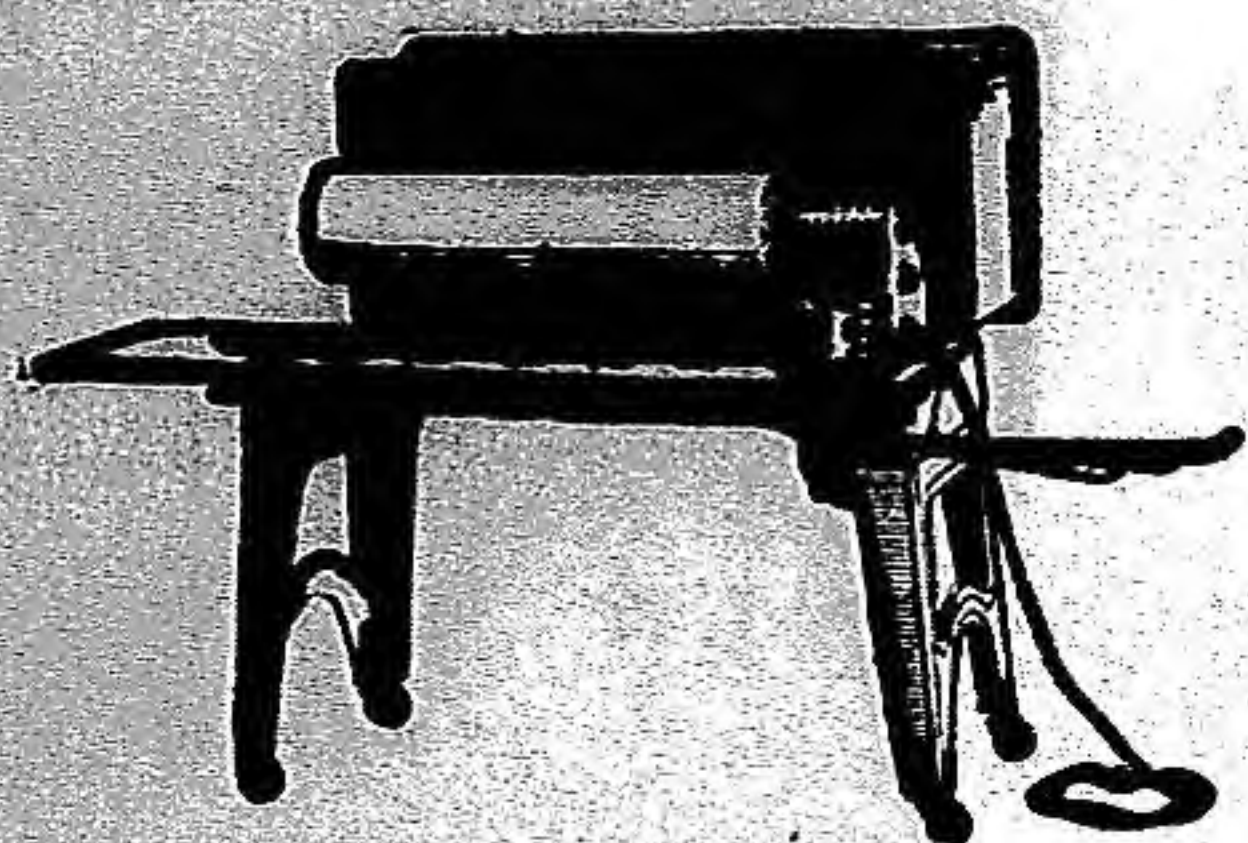
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## St. Paul's the Congregational Party

Newmarket — A successful congregational party was held at St. Paul's parish hall on Tuesday evening, Dec. 16, under the auspices of the Parochial Guild. Santa was present to welcome the guests and the large group in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the well planned program.

Rev. J. T. Rhodes acted as master of ceremonies and the junior town band played several selections. A highlight of the evening was the marionette show which was presented by Victor Higginson. A short skit by members of the Guild, a carol singing period with John Willis, Aurora, it the piano and amusing contests in which the audience participated were other items of the program. The hall was most attractively decorated in the Christmas theme. There was a door prize and other very comical awards were made.

Refreshments were served by the members of the Guild. It is hoped that this will become an annual event for everyone greatly enjoyed the evening of good fellowship.

**DECORATE ROOMS**  
Newmarket — The regular weekly meeting of the Presbyterian Young People's was held on December 18 with Gordon Cockburn presiding. Christmas carols featured the short meeting. The treasurer, Grace Smith, presented a report on the funds raised from the sale of Christmas cards.

The remainder of the evening was spent in decorating the Sunday-school in preparation for the Christmas concert and in practising the two plays which members of the Y.P.U. presented at that concert. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

## SHOES

Inaley's store has hundreds of pairs of shoes for men and boys. No wonder Inaley's style leader store has such a shoe business year after year! This store is properly merchandised and priced correctly.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Newmarket — Last Tuesday evening, the Parochial Guild sponsored a most delightful Christmas party in the parish hall for the members of the congregation. There were marionettes, contests, and carol singing — then refreshments were served and the younger members finished up with a dance. The hall was decorated with Christmas trees, a specially large beautiful one on the stage, and Santa Claus in person handed out gifts.

Yesterday afternoon there was a White Gift service for the children of the Sunday-school, and a carol service in the evening. Today the Junior School Christmas party is being held. On Wednesday, Christmas Eve, there will be celebration of Holy Communion at 11.30, and also Christmas Day at 9 a.m. and 10.30.

The members of the Woman's Auxiliary will be interested to know that Mrs. Arthur Evans, secretary of the W.A. for a good many years, has been made a life member by her friends, Miss Way and Mrs. Choppin.

If the new furnace is not installed in time, the Christmas services will be held in the parish hall.

## LEGION NEWS

The annual Legion children's party has come and gone. Held at the club rooms on Saturday afternoon it was well attended and proved most successful. Congratulations are in order for Jack Higginson, chairman of the party, and his committee for one of the best organized affairs we have attended.

Tom Ewing, N. P. Kelley and Bert Woodward as clowns proved to be real favorites with all the children as was Mrs. W. Oliver who as Mother Goose acted as mistress of ceremonies and led the sing-song with Mrs. Gordon Downward at the piano.

The children greatly enjoyed Victor Higginson's marionette show and when Santa Claus arrived in his beautiful velvet suit were awed into unnatural quietness. Impromptu singing for Santa by the little ones (after receiving their gifts and bags of goodies) was an added feature of the afternoon.

Refreshments were organized and served by members of the Ladies' Auxiliary and with the assistance of other volunteer Legion members one of the most smoothly run children's parties resulted.

## KESWICK

Merry Christmas to all readers particularly to those away from home. We will have a white Christmas here.

Keswick's new open air rink is fenced in, the ground is in shape, but the well is not yet supplying enough water for flooding, so the opening is uncertain.

The eucres in aid of this worthy cause continue and grow in interest and financial aid.

Skating is one of our finest exercises and we need this safe and healthful sport for the enjoyment of our many young folks. Help our burg grow by getting behind the rink project.

Miss Eva Gilroy and Mrs. A. Gilroy will spend the Christmas holidays at Mr. Russell Gilroy's in Oakville.

Mr. Russell, electrician of Queensville, has purchased a lot from Mrs. S. Pegg adjoining the new rink property and intends erecting a home and electrical shop.

Our sympathy to Mrs. C. E. Fockler, Maple, whose mother, Mrs. Jones of Markham, passed away December 17 in her 98th year.

Mr. Isaac Morton, who passed away suddenly December 13, was the oldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ira Morton of Keswick, and spent his early years in Keswick. A member of the old Methodist church here, his wife was the former Lizzie Grose of Lefroy who has been an invalid for many years. He was in his 76th year. Besides his family he leaves one sister, Mrs. Angus King of Keswick, and five brothers.

Mr. Grant Redditt is at home from Toronto for the holidays.

## Open Modern System Of Police Radio

The most modern police communication system on the continent was declared officially open recently when Commissioner W. H. Stringer, O.B.E., spoke from a remote control station in the provincial police headquarters in historical Queen's Park.

Before a group of high government officials, the commissioner flipped a switch on his control set, identified himself by his station call-letter "VF9Z" and called on a network of stations to indicate their position and signal strength.

Within three minutes, replies came back clearly from the district headquarters in Aurora, from sub-stations in Brampton and Whitby and from several police cruisers on routine patrol duties. All reported their signal strong and clear.

With this simple ceremony the provincial police placed in service the first phase of what will soon be a province-wide communication system. Virtually static-free, it permits the whole organization of provincial law enforcement to be controlled and co-ordinated swiftly and surely, under all atmospheric conditions.

When the system in the southern half of the province is complete, it will contain 11 250-watt and 30 60-watt fixed transmitters located at strategic points from Essex to Cornwall and as far north as Burke's Falls. Over 300 cruisers will be in constant communication with this vast network. When conditions permit the system will later be extended to Northern Ontario.

The FM radio equipment for the project is made in Canada by Canadian General Electric Company and the system was planned by Prof. J. B. Reid, consultant for the provincial government in close collaboration with company officials. A sending station has been erected near Temperanceville.

In charge of the operation of the new system is Inspector T. H. Trimble who will use to maximum effect this newest police weapon in combatting crime.

## W.I. Brings Gifts For York Cottage

Newmarket — The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. R. L. Pritchard on Thursday, Dec. 18. This Christmas meeting was begun with the singing of carols and gifts for the children at York Cottage were brought by the members.

Miss Bertha Neilly reported on the annual Women's Institute convention which was held in November at the Royal York hotel, Toronto. Following a full business meeting, refreshments were served. The meeting was well attended.

## FRIENDS HOLD SOCIAL

An interesting Christmas social was held at the Friends' meeting house on Monday evening, Dec. 15. A unique feature was the playing of World Service records on Friends' relief work in Europe. The Lost Father, Another Man's Shoes and Vienna were the recordings presented. Carol singing and mouth organ selections were also enjoyed. A generous offering for the Save the Children fund was taken. Lunch was served and an enjoyable social time brought the evening to a close.

## SPECIAL SERVICE

Newmarket — On Sunday evening a special service of Christmas carols featuring the artistry of Wm. Smith, Toronto, was held at the Gospel Tabernacle. Mr. Smith is a tenor soloist who is in great demand and is the guest violinist with the ambassador choir of Toronto.

## QUEENSVILLE

The Women's Institute will hold its meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 30, at the home of Mrs. J. L. Smith. The program will be in the charge of Mrs. C. Milstead and Mrs. G. Pearson. There will be an exchange of a 25-cent gift. W. Micks, who has been in York County hospital the past few weeks, is still too ill to be brought home. We hope he will soon be better.

Mrs. William Burkholder spent the past week in Toronto with her sister, Mrs. Daisy Pearce.

A very Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year. May the gladness in our hearts show through our deeds; even a smile helps us along our way.

## Church Filled For Christmas Party

The Church of the Nazarene auditorium and balcony were filled to capacity for the Sunday school program held on Friday night, Dec. 19. Each item of the varied program was excellent. Rev. L. E. Sparks, pastor of the church, was chairman. Mrs. V. Cryderman, Sunday-school superintendent, expressed her appreciation to all who had attended as well as to those who had aided in making the program such a success.

Kenneth Olsen, assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school, presented the Christmas gifts at the close of the program.

Special gifts were made from the church to the pastor and the organist, Miss June Haines. The Sunday-school presented Mrs. V. Cryderman with a large religious plaque.

## St. Andrew's S. S. Presents Concert

Newmarket — On Thursday, Dec. 18, St. Andrew's Sunday-school presented their Christmas concert to a large and appreciative audience. Rev. M. E. R. Boudreau was master of ceremonies and each class in the Sunday school put on a number for the concert.

The Sunday-school orchestra took part in the program and two plays were presented by members of the Presbyterian Young People's Society. Carol singing by the same group was another selection on the program.

The Christmas tree was well loaded with gifts and that busy, jolly fellow, Santa Claus, was present to distribute the gifts to the children.

## CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Newmarket — The annual candlelight service was held on December 14 at Trinity United church by the members of the C.G.I.T. Pauline Bovair, vice president in the absence of the president, Noreen Walker, and Jean Rose, secretary, took charge of the service.

The regular choir was in attendance. Miss Hilda Patton, King, was the special speaker and directed her remarks particularly to the young girls in the congregation. The church was crowded to capacity for the service.

## VANDALS AT WORK

Newmarket — Two blue spruce trees, valued at \$150, were cut down and taken away from the Newmarket Lawn Bowling greens on Thursday or Friday night. The vandals who committed the deed not only destroyed valuable property but in the process destroyed a memorial to Les, Riley, as one of the trees was the Les, Riley Memorial tree.

This is the third time that trees have been stolen from that property. It is undeniable that anyone would stoop to such low acts of vandalism, particularly at the Christmas season. Newmarket police are investigating and a reward of \$25 is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of whoever was responsible. Anyone who may have purchased one of the trees in good faith is asked to get in touch with the police.

## Raised Near Kettleby Awarded M.B.E.

Awarded the M.B.E. for "efficient and meritorious" service with the Canadian army, Sgt. Major H. W. Baker, formerly of Calgary, received the decoration at an investiture in Ottawa recently. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Baker, live at 1111 12th St. W., Calgary. Sgt. Major Baker spent his youth on the Baker homestead near Kettleby from 1915 to 1924. His father was born and raised on the same farm.

A veteran of overseas service with the army, Sgt. Major Baker was born in Moose Jaw and attended the Calgary normal school. While teaching at Gleichen, he took a correspondence course in wireless and went to Ottawa seven years ago.

Last winter he played an important part in the meteorological work in connection with Exercise Muskox, travelling with the army group into Canada's northern wilderness. Last summer, he was selected to take a special six months' course at Washington.

Attending the investiture Wednesday were his wife, the former Katherine Stuhlsatz, Calgary, and their eight-year-old son, Kennedy.

## Santa Claus Pays Visit To Trinity

Newmarket — The Christmas concert and party of Trinity United church was held on Friday evening, Dec. 12, with Don McBride acting as master of ceremonies. This party was for all members of the church as well as for the Sunday-school children and was well attended.

A varied program was presented with each department of the Sunday-school contributing its share with a skit or songs. Herman Fowler was at the organ and Harry Nellis assisted the master of ceremonies.

Carol singing proved most successful and during the evening the new projector was used to present three films. Santa arrived and distributed bags of goodies and oranges to the children.

## KEEP SMILING

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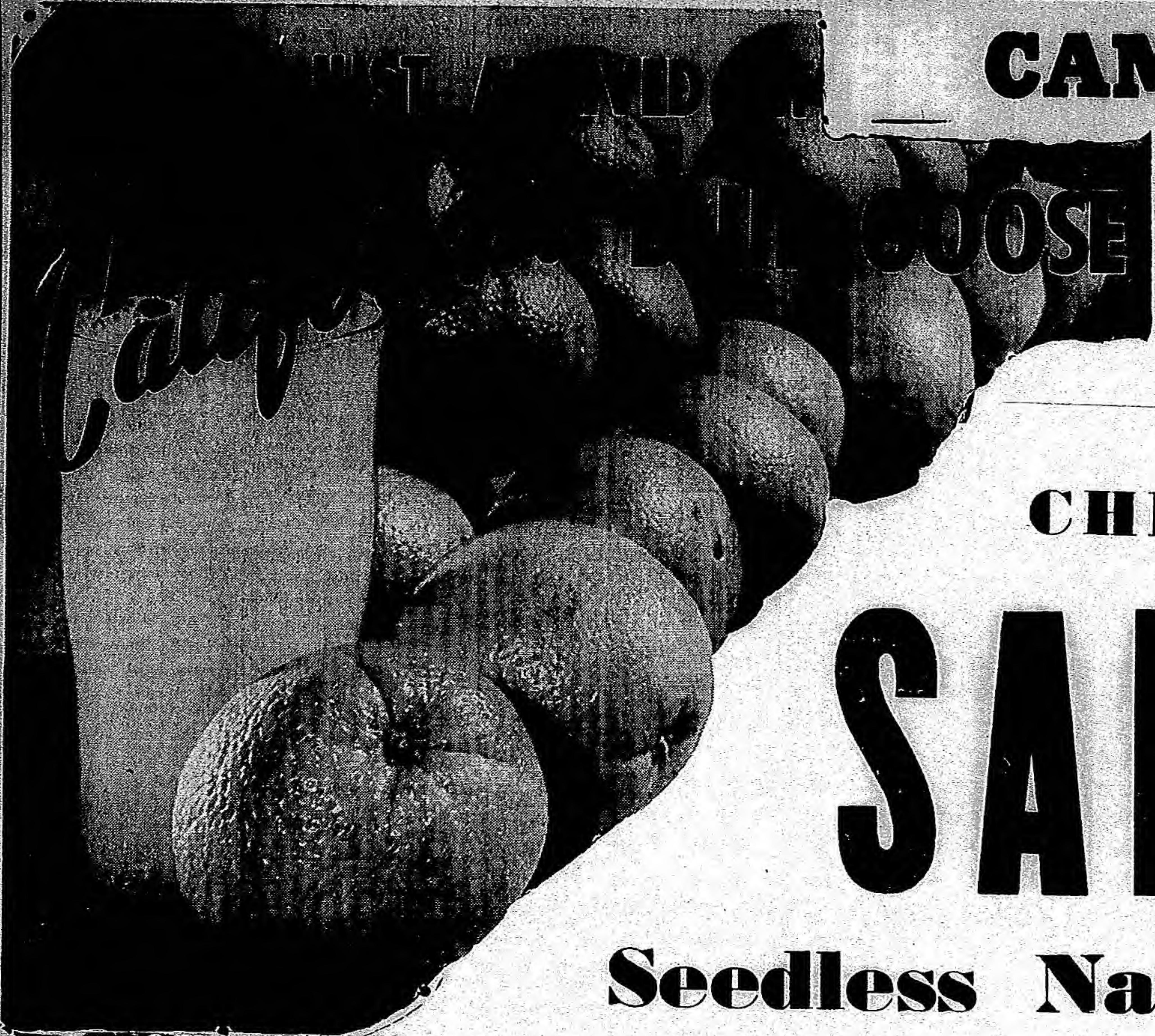
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# **Magistrate's Court** **140 Fine Levied** **in Traffic Charge**

Newmarket—Mrs. Ethel Bray was fined \$40 and costs in magistrate's court on Friday. Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake reserved judgment for one week on Dec. 12 after hearing evidence against Mrs. Bray on a charge of failing to stop after an accident in an attempt to escape criminal or civil liability.

Magistrate Hollinrake said that he was impressed with the evidence that Gordon Pilkey gave. Last week Pilkey had said that he saw a child run into the side of a car on the northern outskirts of Richmond Hill. He said he took the number of the car which had stopped momentarily 100 yards north of the scene of the accident. The magistrate said he was quite satisfied that the witness had taken the right number and it was strengthened by the fact that the police had found the car in Newmarket a short time afterwards and that it was still warm. The accused was given one week extension for payment.

W. H. Nesbitt and Edward Nesbitt, Whitechurch, were jointly charged with possession of illegal venison and fined \$25 and costs, or ten days. The crown did not proceed with a second charge, illegal possession of a muskrat pelt. Game Warden Ben Smith said that, accompanied by two other officers, he had searched the premises of the two accused on November 29 and had found a quantity of dark venison in a summer kitchen. They also discovered a second lot of venison, fresh and still sweating, in an unused oven. The officer presented some ribs taken from the two lots of meat and showed that they were from two different animals. The officer said that Edward Nesbitt had said that the first lot of venison was all that he had, before the fresh meat was found.

W. H. Nesbitt said that he did

not have a license to hunt and that the old venison was given to him by his brother-in-law, William Over and that the second lot of venison was given by a Mr. Mowder. Jos. Vale, counsel for defense, asked him why he did not show the fresh venison to the officer. "I wanted to have some left to eat," he replied.

William Over testified that he had given the accused the first lot of venison which he had shot in Peterborough county and that he had also brought Mowder's deer, which had been shot later in the same district, from the north. Magistrate Hollinrake said that the second lot of meat was found ten days after the season had closed. Joseph Vale said that the onus of proof is on the donor and not the accused. Magistrate Hollinrake said that the accused should have a certificate from the donor saying that the meat was lawfully procured, and that William Over had testified regarding the first lot of meat but that the meat that Mowder had given the accused was found fresh ten days after the season had closed.

A charge against P. D. McCabe, Pottageville, of setting out poison to kill a dog was dismissed when evidence showed that he had set out the poison to kill animals that were getting his turkeys.

## **No. 7 S.S. Has** **Christmas Party**

No. 7 S.S. East Gwillimbury held its annual Christmas concert at the school on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 8.30 p.m. under the direction of the teacher, Walter Ard, and his wife.

The concert took the form of a Red Cross meeting and the chairman, Miss Shirley Edwards, called the meeting to order and showed the parents and guests how their meetings are conducted. Following this the program committee presented a Christmas broadcast. Ann Walker presided and the play broadcasted a program to the children of Trinidad, singing carols and the reading of the Christmas story.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ard played a duet entitled *Souvenir* which was enjoyed by all. The board of trustees expressed their regret in the resignation of their teacher but introduced Mrs. Styke as his successor. They also appealed to all ratepayers to attend the annual meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 31.

Santa Claus arrived in due time and distributed gifts and candy to all children present.

## **Isaac N. Morton, 76,** **Dies At Belhaven**

Noted for his activity in the affairs of his church, Isaac Nelson Morton succumbed suddenly to a heart attack at his home in Belhaven recently. He was 76 years of age.

Mr. Morton was born in Keswick, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ira Morton. He married Elizabeth Grose and farmed in the district all his life.

An elder of the United church, he taught Sunday-school and was most active in work among the young people, who were his chief interest. He was also a member of council.

Surviving besides his wife are four sons and one daughter, Mrs. Stewart Stickwood (Hazel), Hope; five brothers, Will, Newmarket; John, Toronto; Norm, Thornhill; Farnest, Newmarket; and Dick, Lansing; and one sister, Mrs. Angus King, Keswick. His five brothers and his brother-in-law acted as pallbearers.

The funeral service was held in Keswick church on December 16. Rev. Brown officiated. Interment was in Queensville cemetery.

## **Hi-Lights** **of N.H.S.**

By ELAINE ROBINSON

At a meeting of the members of the Student Benefit Tuesday afternoon, Beth King and Lloyd Powell were elected representatives, and will sit in with two teachers and Mr. Lockhart at meetings concerning the organization three times a year.

Thursday morning, the assembly hall was filled with the students singing Christmas carols. Friday sees the last day in the first term of this season. After a 16-day holiday, we will go back to plugging away at the second term. We will not spoil the sound of the holidays by mentioning school again.

Many of the students have been working in the local stores to earn money for Christmas shopping. Of course, Mary Revell is working at Hooker's, with Barbara Thompson. The post office attracts many of the students to help with the Christmas rush. Lloyd Powell assists Ian Brown in the stamping of letters. Lloyd says that the mail

## **Mrs. John Hodge Named** **By St. Andrew's W.A.**

Newmarket—Mrs. John Hodge was elected president of St. Andrew's Women's Association at the regular monthly meeting held at the home of Mrs. W.

Boadwin on December 16. There were 23 present.

A satisfactory report of the work done in the year was presented by Mrs. J. Greer. After the regular business had been completed, the election of officers was held.

The following were elected: pres., Mrs. John Hodge; first vice-pres., Mrs. Joe Greer; second vice-pres., Mrs. W. Boadwin; sec., Mrs. D. R. McDonald; treas., Mrs. W. M. Cockburn; pianist, Miss Margaret Gilmour; social

committee, Mrs. J. Greer and Mrs. Wm. Cockburn.

While the Christmas table was being prepared three interesting contests were held. Christmas refreshments were served by the hosts.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. M. Cockburn, Court St., on Tuesday, January 20.

Give The Newmarket Era and Express for Christmas.

## **Aurora Flyers** **Belt Celery Kings**

Aurora — The Flyers opened their hockey campaign with an exhibition game before the home folks on Thursday and belted bejabbers out of a poorly conditioned Bradford senior O.R.H.A. squad to skate away with a 10-1 victory. Both Keith Kyle in the Aurora nets and Taping in the Bradford cage played strong games and were well tested. Kyle's job was easier after the first period as the celery kings became winded. Bob Peters and Whitey Jones handled the whistles and weren't upduly taxed with work.

The Aurora scoring parade was well spread around, much to the delight of the Aurora management. Loring "Ozark Ike" Doolittle banged home two, as did his defence partner, Jack Andrews, while singletons went to Bill Attridge, Ron Simmons, Bill Boychoff, Bill Patrick, Bill McGhee and Bill Wilkinson. Mike Brinkos was absent from the lineup with a hospital trip. Mutt Collings got the lone Bradford goal.

The Flyers' lineup was: goal, Kyle; def., Doolittle, Hopper, Andrews, H. Patrick; forwards, McGhee, Simmons, Nigh, Wilkinson, Attridge, Davis, Boychoff, Brodie and W. Patrick.

## **KESWICK**

Merry Christmas to all! The Women's Guild met at the home of Mrs. Wm. Moulds on Tuesday. Mrs. Wm. Moulds was elected president; Mrs. Percy Brown, vice pres.; Mrs. Lloyd Stiles, sec.; Mrs. Bernard Davidson, treas. A full report of the year's work will be given at the first meeting in the new year which will be held at the home of Mrs. Robt. Davidson.

Sorry to hear that Mrs. Percy Brown is on the sick list.

School entertainments are all in full swing this week and the heavy storm of Wednesday night is making roads heavy.

We feel justly proud of Mr. Dan Mahoney who was one of our Mount Pleasant school boys. He became a school teacher then enlisted in the R.C.A.F. and served overseas. At the close of the war he still remained in the force and is now stationed again in England flying the only Canadian plane that is stationed there.

Hunters are busy these days looking for game. Mr. Bruce Travis was lucky the other day in finding quite a number of racoons.

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## Golden Glow Finds Birds' Carol Delightful

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The Presbyterian Evening Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Sid. Simmons for a chicken supper on Thursday evening, Dec. 11. Rev. M. E. R. Boudreau spoke to the group and conducted the election of officers for the coming year. Pres., Miss Greta Flintoff; vice pres., Mrs. MacFee; treas., Mrs. Lloyd Smith; sec., Mrs. M. H. Stiles; supply sec., Mrs. J. Stickland; home helper, Mrs. H. Williamson. The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Bruce Graham.

### IN HOSPITAL

Newmarket — Capt. James Schwab of the Newmarket Salvation Army has been a patient for the past three weeks at the York County hospital. He is suffering with bronchial asthma. It is hoped he will be able to spend Christmas at home with his family.

The business man was interviewing his daughter's suitor. "I regret I cannot see my way to allow you to marry my daughter at present," he said. "But give me your name and address and, if nothing turns up in the near future, you may hear from me again."

Last week saw the monthly offering of the Newmarket Dramatic club, and this time the club was assisted by the Newmarket Music Society. It was a Christmas program all through, except for the selections by the orchestra led by H. A. Jackson. I think that we should congratulate ourselves that we have such an organization as Mr. Jackson's orchestra in our town, for they gave us a most delightful variety of good music, varied with selections in lighter vein. I was not there on Thursday, just on Wednesday evening, and certainly the orchestra was particularly entertaining and generous with their music. While they entertained us before the curtain rose, we had a chance to have a good look at the delightful Christmas decorations. There were festoons across the ceiling, red and green streamers at the windows and all around the walls. Our good old town hall must have felt as if it was having its face lifted for Christmas! Even the stage was covered with fancy designs in red and white lattice. But the cut-out figures caught

our eye first. Near the right stage door was a pair of youngsters in a toboggan, farther along a puppy in a big drum, and so on; and I want to say that whoever was responsible for the decorations can just give himself a pat on the back for they were just "tops" as the youngsters say. The carols, as sung by the Glee Club, were grand. No matter how often we hear the glorious Christmas carols we still enjoy them, and to hear them sung in such a capable way was a joy, and no mistake. The accompanist put "vim and vigor" into them, carrying them along in a delightfully spirited way. They sang for us twice and sang all our old favorites. It was, as I said, just grand.

In between the carol singing was the playlet, all too short! But as Miss Barnes said to me afterwards "You can't have a long play with children taking part." Sure we all know that, but it is such fun to watch the children put on a play that we do not realize it is a strain on them. They all acted so naturally and put such understanding

into it, that afterwards you wonder how anyone could get so many children all acting their parts so well without a hitch—and there was no hitch, nor interruption, to the steady flow of the play—so far as the audience knew, at any rate.

As I said, it was over all too soon, for it was fun to see and hear Mrs. Ted Baile as Mrs. Ruggles, mother of the seven little Ruggles, give them instructions how to act at the Christmas dinner-party at the big house. In the play, Carol Bird, daughter of the Birds at the big house, wanted, above all, for her Christmas present from her parents, to have the seven Ruggles children to her home for Christmas dinner. Carol came with her mother and gave the invitation personally and while both mother and daughter were only on a few minutes they did their parts splendidly. Carol using her crutches as if quite used to them. To hear and watch Mrs. Ruggles give last-minute instructions on behavior at the dinner table to the seven little Ruggles who were all scrubbed to within an inch of their lives, was one of the highlights of the delightful children's Christmas play.

## Young Hopefuls

By Dorothy Muir Bowman

Watching Your Tongue  
Elsa, four years old, suddenly decided she didn't want to go to bed in a dark room. She cried for a light every night then wanted her mother to stay with her all night besides. Elsa was so bothered with this new fear of the dark that she started worrying about bedtime early in the day. Weeks elapsed before the reason for the fear was discovered. One day Elsa asked her mother if she thought Jack Parkin's father had gone back to his grave. "You know, mother, father said Old Man Parkins would get out of his grave if Jack Parkins sold the farm."

Actually, the conversation was to the effect that Old Man Parkins would turn in his grave. Misinterpretations in the child's mind are often occurring because the child does not have the knowledge or experience to interpret unfamiliar words or figurative speech common to adults. It is certainly not possible to avoid misunderstandings by children. Nevertheless, adults can and should be watchful of their conversation in the presence of children.

When children suddenly behave in a strange manner or come forth with peculiar speeches, the source of their behavior or erroneous thoughts should be investigated. It isn't always easy to trace the source, but every effort should be made to do so.

Harboring wrong ideas isn't healthy — especially when they lead to fear complexes. The sooner sick fears are abolished, the better for the mental attitude as well as the individual's physical well-being. There would be fewer misinterpretations among children if adults used more care with what they say before them.

### LIBRARY CORNER By CAROLINE E. ION

A new addition to the Newmarket public library is the non-fiction table. At this interesting section, recently purchased books of that classification are displayed in an inviting manner. Readers will find this a great aid in making their selection.

Many fine books have arrived recently at the library. The following is a list of the non-fiction new additions: And So To America, Cecil Roberts; Birds of Brewery Creek, Malcolm MacDonald; Better Nutrition for the Family, Louisa Skilton; Canadian Spring, Florence Page Jacques; Decorating Your Home, Kay Peterson Parker; End of a Berlin Diary, W. Shriver; Flashing Wings, R. Saunders; F.D.R., Elliott Roosevelt; Human Destiny, Lecomte du Nory; Handweaver's Pattern Book, Marguerite P. Davison;

How to Attract the Birds, Robert Lemmon; House That Jacob Built, John Gould; Happy the Land, Louise Dickinson Rich; Inside the U.S.A., John Gunther; Leathercraft, Robert L. Thompson; Make It Yourself Handicraft, H. Walsh; Maxims and Reflections of Winston Churchill, Colin Coote; Manual of Smart Housekeeping, Gladys B. Jones; New North in Pictures, Clifford Wilson; The Owl Pen, Kenneth McNeill Wells; Our Old Montreal, John Murray Gibbon; Over At Uncle Joe's, Oriana Atkinson; Pocketful of Canada, John D. Robins; Practical and Technical Electricity, Wolter and Rose; Raffles of Singapore, R. Coupland; Salt Mines and Castles, Thos. Howe Jr.; Sir Frederick Banting, Lloyd Stevenson; Sense and Nonsense, Eric P. Nicol; The Song in the Green Thorn Tree, James Harkes; The Scot and Canada, James A. Roy; Study of History, A. Toynebe; Thinking For Yourself, Flowers; Unusual Facts of Canadian History, W. A. Styles; Woodworking and Upholstery, Baxter and Lackey; We Live in the Arctic, Constance and Harmon Helmericks.

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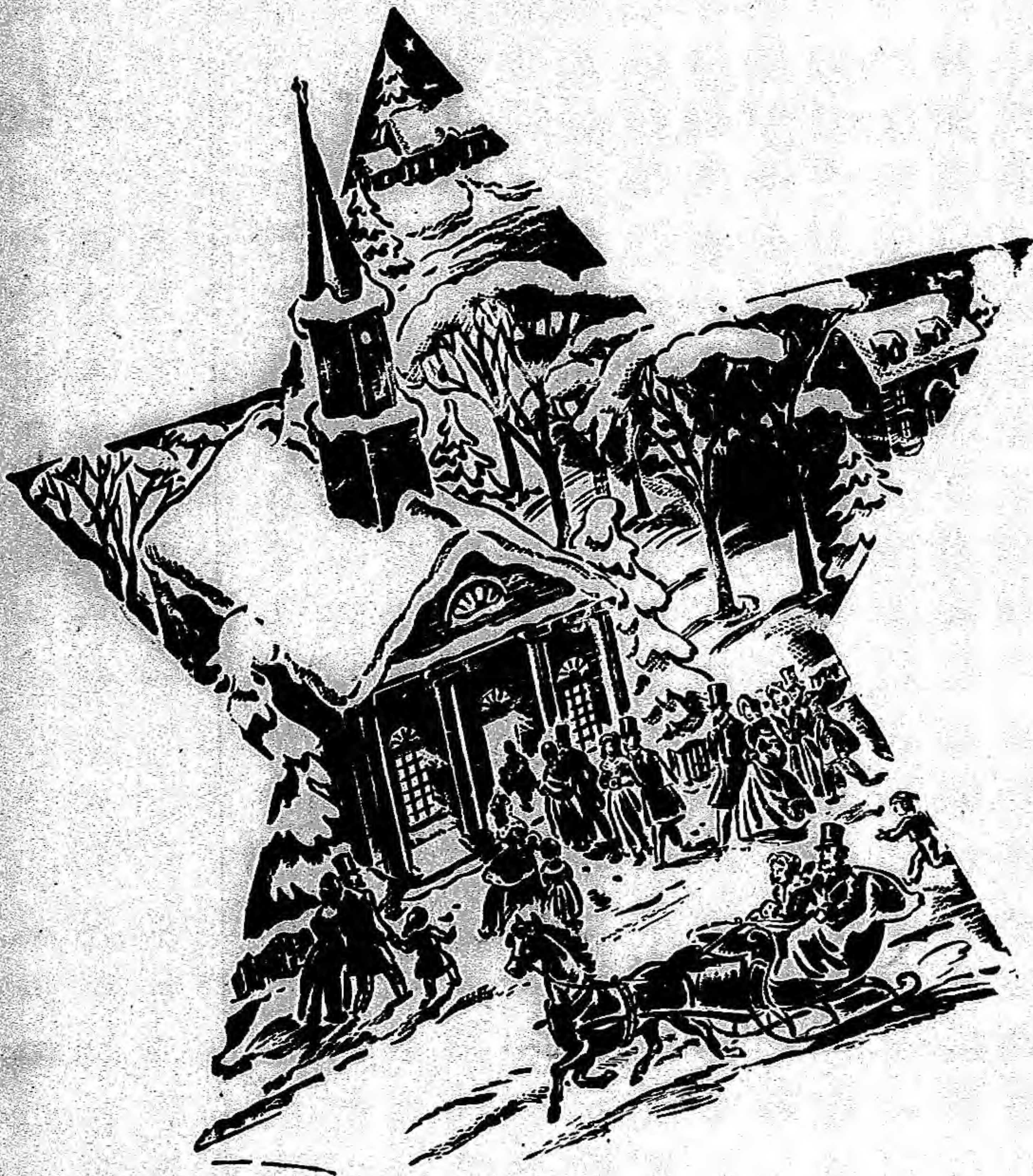
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 "I hear the bells on Christmas day  
 Their old, familiar carols play,  
 And wild and sweet, the words repeat  
 Of peace on earth, goodwill to men."  
 And other people the world over will broadcast the timely good wish

"Thine be the peace the angels sang,  
 Thine be the glad goodwill to men,  
 Thine be the joy the Christ child brought  
 And every Christmas brings again."

Our minds naturally dwell for a short time on the events of the first Christmas when the Christ child came into the world, neither to reason with governments, nor to be the prize possession of a nation or group or sect; but to teach a simple lesson to ordinary men and women. It was to reveal to men the unbounded love of God for His creatures that God's Gift came, ushered in with the angels' song, "Peace on earth, goodwill to men".  
 In the heady excitement of Christmas time we are caught up in a wave of very real goodwill, spurred on by the acts of sending cards and presents and receiving them. We take time out to call to mind friends and distant relatives, and in kindly ways express our appreciation to those who render us needed services throughout the year. We go forth with a smile and a friendly handshake and for a short time the barriers of race and color are broken down. For a short time we see a picture of "peace among men", while evil thoughts are subdued and prejudices are laid aside.  
 But the real secret of a joyous Christmas comes only to those who in spirit kneel before the Gift of God to present their real gift, a consecrated life, to Him whose birthday we celebrate and whose spirit we share. And while we would wish you all a Happy Christmas, we would also wish that:  
 "These gifts be thine in Christmas way:  
 The joy that passes not away;  
 The faith that lightens every cross;  
 The love that knows not death nor loss,  
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 O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
 O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light of Light eternal,  
 Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb,  
 Son of the Father, Begotten not created:

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
 Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,  
 Sing ye, All glory To God in the highest!

Yea, Lord, we hail Thee, Born this happy morning;  
 Jesus, to Thee be glory given, Word of the Father,  
 Now in flesh appearing:

Bright burn the Christmas candles. Red, green and shining are the holly leaves and berries. This is a time for joyousness in the spirit of His birth. Enjoy every moment of the season—and find your richest moments in church where faith and hope will fill your heart with gladness and a bright outlook.

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The monthly meeting of Christ church Ladies' Guild was held on Thursday, Dec. 11, at the home of Mrs. F. Crane. Arrangements were made for a congregational supper to be held in the parish hall on Monday, Dec. 29. All members and their families will be welcome. Supper starts at 7 p.m.

Rev. F. V. Abbott with about 30 members of the parish attended the supper and entertainment given by the members of the Church of the Messiah, Toronto, on Friday, Dec. 12, by special invitation. All spent an enjoyable evening.

Special Christmas service will be held next Sunday, Dec. 21, in Christ church at 3 p.m. All members are asked to make a special effort to be present at our Christmas Communion service.

The usual fortnightly dance will be held in the hall on Friday, Dec. 19, beginning at 9 p.m. Norm Burling's orchestra.

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## Santa Wore Snowshoes As He Visited Settlers

It was Christmas Eve of the 'Hungry Year.' Never was there such a 12 months in Canada. Winter's arctic arms had reached far into summer; blighting crops and hopes alike. The scanty harvest had long since been consumed. Starvation's spectre loomed at every cabin window. No stout wall of produce protected those he sought to slay. A handful of peas or a few potatoes were all the settlers had to keep their deadly foe without, and life within. . . . Yet Starvation's triumph seemed assured. Week's before, Hunger and Despair had penetrated to the immigrants' most defences. By day and by night they tortured their victims. Hunger's cruel claws had left his marks on the pinched faces of the babes in their beds and the parents before the fire. Despair twisted each adult heart.

So we find John Williams; and his wife, Sarah. They sat, one on each side the fireplace; aching from hunger and hopelessness. Three years on a bush farm had added a score of years to their 30. By day, the man's ribs could almost have been counted through his threadbare garments. . . . An unvaried diet of potatoes had robbed the woman of her natural plump comeliness. A waxy complexion and bloated body had replaced her former beauty. Now and then, the flickering firelight, with inanimate irony, rouged cheeks from which the roses of England had fled.

"Surely God has forgotten us; else we wouldn't be left here to perish," mused the woman.

John had had the same dark doubts the past weeks. These had been more insistent of late. But he could not admit that he shared them. Moral strength must now be sustained, when physical strength was almost exhausted.

"Now, now, Sarah," he chided. "A Christian woman to say so!"

"I know. At home I'd never harbor the thought. There we had friends and food and cheer. Here we are alone and unwanted. There's a spirit of evil which possesses this country. Its winds shrill warnings by day and shrieks of terrors by night. Its snows try to smother us. Each dusk it sends the dark forest closing in to overwhelm us. . . ."

As if it heard, the wind withdrew; like an Asiatic devil, which, once named, is defeated. The startling silence brought both upright. A soft thud was heard; then a second. For a moment neither spoke. The wind returned and the husband relaxed. . . . But not his fanciful wife.

"Did you hear it, John? Something was outside. . . . Something is outside!" she repeated, with emphasis.

"Likely some snow fell off the roof," answered her practical husband.

"No! I tell you it was something. . . . Something evil. . . . oh, this wicked land. . . ." Her voice rose, and the children stirred.

"Hush; you'll wake the infants. . . . it's only your nerves." "But there is. . . . I know there is!" she insisted. "Take your gun and kill it before it can kill us."

"Nonsense," replied her spouse, whose hardihood, in common with husbands, increased as his wife's decreased. "I tell you, it was just snow off the roof. However I'll take the gun and blast the breeze if it will satisfy you." Takes His Weapon

As he spoke, John took the weapon and went to the door. He didn't think it necessary to say the gun was unloaded. "Don't open up, or it will get in," the wife inconsistently pleaded. "You begged to have me look; and look I shall," John retorted. "Stand well back, in case it's a bear out sleep-walk-

## Merry Christmas To All!

On Christmas Day we repeat the old familiar greeting that, each year, in some mystic way rings fresh and true—"Merry Christmas." Like such words as "hello" and "good-bye," there really isn't anything else to say that puts at our hearstrings as do these old dear words. And so again we say:

Merry Christmas—to the littlest ones who skip downstairs in the gray dawn to explore their stockings and the wondrous tree and to look at Christmas with the special radiance of youth. . . . who tend to the rest of us little glimmers of the real Christmas glamour.

Merry Christmas—to father who'll strain a point any day to give us all the things we want. . . . who probably works too hard and yet keeps younger and more alert because of the responsibility of a family and the competition of business. . . . who makes the gesture of tut-tutting at the fuss and excitement.

Merry Christmas—to mother who really calls the tune for the holidays and does the planning and pulling together. . . . who flutters and bustles radiantly for weeks ahead and undoubtedly has the best and busiest time of all.

Merry Christmas—to the butcher, the baker, the candlestick-maker, not to mention all those who sold us shoes and ships and sealing wax for what would Christmas be without them? For through them we've all been able to share our own little prosperity in the most wholesome way of all—by spending it.

Merry Christmas—to dear friends far and near who've sent us greetings and gifts. . . . most especially do we cherish the greetings because even more than gifts they express the true spirit of Christmas.

Merry Christmas—to the dropper—in who come with holiday cheer and friendship. . . . who come to our parties or stop by to leave a glass of extra elegant jelly or an original privately invented relish.


Merry Christmas—to ourselves, for that matter. But then we feel pretty sure that we'll have one for we've put so much work and excitement and loving getting-ready into it. For of course we all get out of Christmas just about what we put in.

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ing." This poor joke brought a laugh to his lips; lips that had felt no laughter for days. With that he opened the door and stepped out. There the rising moon, well past its quarter, illumined the ghastly landscape. One startled look was all he needed.

"Someone was prowling after all," he muttered. "Snowshoes too. I thought the Indians had left long ago, when the game gave out." His eyes followed the tracks till they disappeared into the woods. "Seems like our visitor was in a hurry." He shrugged and turned. As he did so, he saw something laying under the window. Two strides and he was bending over it. He gave a frosty whistle. "Two rabbits and a brace of partridge! I'll swear there are none for miles. My snares have been empty for weeks. These must have come clear from Rice Lake or beyond. . . . Sarah, Sarah!" he called.

Forgetting her broken boots, his wife came running out. Steeled to expect some awful sight; and bearing a cudgel to fight off whatever might be out there; she was unprepared for what she saw. Instinctively grasping the game from John's extended hand, the mother sank, exhausted, in the snow.

"Come, get up, old girl," he gruffly ordered. With rough kindness he helped her to her feet. Shoving the dazed woman before him, he entered the cabin and shut the door. Then, whilst she stood, clutching the treasure to her breast, unable to speak or move, her husband built up the fire. He spoke twice before she could answer.

"John, John," she implored, "is it true; is it true; or is it some cruel dream you'll awaken me from? I seem to be standing, holding an armful of game."

"It's as true as God is good," assured her husband. "Looks as if our Indian friends brought us a Christmas box, God bless them!"

"God bless them," she echoed, "and God forgive me that I ever doubted His Providence. In His Goodness He has disregarded my wicked doubts and sent food to the famished children. . . . His children; whom He loves and cares for when their parents cannot."

"Aye, so it seems. Well, we were good to the Indians. Many's the meal they had here in better times, and many's the trinket you gave the squaws. . . . Used to think you too open-handed. . . . Little did I know. . . . Bread upon the Waters."

"How wonderful! Just like Scripture. God knew our need and sent help from afar. The red men were His Messengers. They are His children too. Heathen men with Christian hearts."

"Yes, Sarah, that is so. Messengers in Moccasins. Ha ha. That's twice I've laughed tonight. . . . Come woman; help clean the rabbits, or I vow I'll eat them, frozen and raw as they are."

"Oh John! would you joke in the face of Providence? Let us give thanks to Him Who has saved us this night."

Together they knelt before the fire, whilst the wife offered up the gratitude of a bursting heart. Her earnest sincerity was reverently echoed by the husband's "Amen."

Then they literally fell upon the rabbits. Feverish fingers soon had them cleaned and cut into small portions for quicker boiling. Lacking candles, they worked by feel and firelight. Cuts and nicks passed unnoticed. They moved on tip toe and spoke in whispers, so that the children slept on. Nor did they awake as soft 'plops' told bits of flesh were flung into the pot. They slumbered till roused by their parents' tussling before the fire. Evidently the first fragrance from the stew had made John lose control. He insisted on dropping hot stones into it to hasten the cooking. When "hushes" and "shames" proved useless; Sarah had to pull him away to prevent his spoiling the broth. This awakened the children.

With the soup's delectable odor in their nostrils, no bed could hold them. Jane, a blonde child of seven, and Billy, a tousled-headed four, rushed over. Perforce, bowls of quarter cooked broth had to be liddled off and devoured. Lumps of snow, hastily added, prevented little mouths being burnt or little gullets scalded. . . . Two bowls each for the youngsters and a sparing one apiece for their elders ended the heavenly feast. Then the tots were returned to their nests; after expressing thanks with many a soupy kiss.

"Better climb up and get the gifts," advised the mother, after the children were happily asleep. "That I will; with a right good heart," agreed the husband.

"Now that we've a Christmas dinner in view, I can do it. Don't think I could have set them out when there was nothing but a few frozen potatoes for the table."

"I felt that too. It would have been a cruel mockery of the Blessed Day. I'd made up my mind to burn the toys after you'd gone to bed. Thank God He saved me from that folly!"

John put up the ladder, as she

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spoke, and mounted to the loft. This was really only a platform at one end of the cabin, used for storage. As such, it was out of reach of the children. There, night after night, had the gifts been stored, following an evening's work upon them. This had been performed, surreptitiously by the fire, whilst the children slept. After a few moments above, John climbed down. Under one arm he carried a small box, which he passed to his wife. Under the other, what looked, in the gloom, to be a short log. This he carried over and placed on the table, before taking down the ladder and going to bed. Meanwhile Sarah opened the box. Carefully she selected two objects, leaning each against the 'log.' Two smaller objects she placed in front of the first, before, she too, retired for the night. No stockings were filled; there were no stockings to fill.

Hardly had the first wintry rays penetrated the frosty panes than the children leaped from their beds and stormed to the table. Shrieks of joy were cut short as pieces of maple sugar were grasped and stuffed into delighted mouths. Choking and gurgling, they stood entranced with the beauty before them. A windmill, of raw tapered pine, stood, an awkward 14 inches, near the end of the table. It was a Dutch mill; the oddest Dutch mill ever seen. It had arms on both sides; for balance. These could be turned by hand, on the wooden axle. There was no danger of the structure splitting in two. Lacking brace and bit for boring the axle hole, it had been made in two sections, so that this might be gouged and burnt out. Now it was held together with homemade glue, which proved a poor binder. This had been made from their

only cow, slaughtered in early fall, when lack of fodder forced a decision parental solicitude would have postponed for the sake of the children's milk supply. However, further assurance against its coming apart had been taken. Grooves, at the base, the middle, and near the top had been cut clear round the mill. Lacking wire, cord, taken from the parents' string mattress, had been wound and tightly tied in the crevice of each groove. A little hole, previously gouged, held each knot. The whole had been painstakingly smoothed with handfuls of sand till it was pleasant to touch. No Dutchman would have recognized it as such;—but to the children, dazed with delight, it was a mill either straight from Holland; or, more likely, right from heaven itself.

Two home-made dolls, boy and girl, leaned against it. An adult might have said they leaned drunkenly, as no dolls should. The children knew better. The little Dutch people were tired, after standing all night. Dutch by courtesy of costume and wooden from necessity, they were more stolid and solid than any Dutchman would want to be. Small black beads were the eyes whilst horizontal nicks served as mouths. Nose and ears had evidently been considered extravagant accessories; to be supplied from imagination by such as wanted them. The girl, poor soul, must have survived a fierce bout of the fever. She was as bald as a bed post, though this was decently hid under her dainty Dutch cap. In this instance, art was as unjust as nature for the boy, on the other hand, had a standing crop of stiff black bristles no Kaffir could rival. Clearly he was frozen with fright. What awful sight could have left him so? Had he been cabinboy on the

'Flying Dutchman,' where eerie horror had turned him to wood, so that he floated away from that crew of ghosts? . . . Whatever his story, it was certain the girl had a real protector. No wolf of any description was likely to dare that frightened and frightening figure to molest the maiden. With him near she need fear neither teeth nor paws. . . . Whilst he stood with his eyes fixed on scenes years and miles away, she leaned, turned half towards him; with her unblinking gaze piercing the region of his wooden heart. Her whole attitude portrayed devotion,—if it portrayed anything.

Gobbling the last of the sugar, each child seized a doll and ran with it to their parents' bed. "Look, look, what Santa brought us," Jane cried. "See, see," was all that Billy could manage. For some minutes the happy adults enjoyed their children's excited raptures. Fondly they smoothed little heads and kissed little faces as they examined, with feigned delight, the bounty of good St. Nick. Then suddenly Jane exploded into speech.

"Did you see Santa? Did you hear his reindeer?"

"No, dear, we were asleep. You know he wouldn't have wanted us watching him," gently replied the mother.

"Ohhh . . .", said the child, "well, I'm going to see where he drove up."

With that she ran to the window; but finding she couldn't see out, she sped to the door. Heeding her father's warning to only open a crack, she peeked out. No snow had fallen since her parents had been out the night before, so the tracks they had seen were clear and distinct. That was all. Not one tiny hoof print broke the surface, look where she might. For a moment disappointment darkened the little face.

Then recognition dawned, as she bent her gaze to study the tracks. Slowly she lifted her eyes and followed them to the woods. Relief chased the gloom from her features. With the joy in her heart bursting forth from her lips, she turned and called,—"Mummy, Daddy, Billy; come and see! There was no sleigh or reindeer last night. Santa came on snow-shoes!"

### FAITH AND PEACE ARE ETERNAL

Twenty centuries have passed since the inn at Bethlehem was overcrowded because of Caesar Augustus and his census.

The bigwigs who crowded the inn were committed to oblivion by their contemporaries and, except for the census and resultant conditions at Bethlehem, it wouldn't matter too much if Augustus completely vanished from the history books.

It is generally immaterial that, as puppet king of Judea, Herod fortified the kingdom and kept it out of the clutches of Cleopatra, rebuilt the city of Samaria, and endowed several pagan temples long since crumbled into dust. Few people know, and fewer care, that his wife and two sons were murdered at his command. This sort of a townized Jew is remembered chiefly because of his hypocritical treatment of the Wise Men and because he authorized the slaughter of the Holy Innocents—and even this deed forgotten if the Innocents were not associated with the Babe of Bethlehem who grew into the Christ and bequeathed a new philosophy of love and peace to all mankind.

Some men question what has been accomplished during the 20 centuries since Bethlehem.

True enough, some of the records have been written with indelible inks of hatred and prejudice and splattered with much blood; but cynics had best not



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Our Christmas wish is that you may have cause for rejoicing and that the New Year may bring added blessings to each of you. Thanks also for the innumerable courtesies extended to us during the past year. We are truly grateful.

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## Season's Greetings



rest their argument too confidently upon the gory records written or provoked by men who either did not know Christ or openly rejected his commands.

On the other hand, the glad tidings announced to a few shepherds at Bethlehem have inspired courage and faith and love such as no earthly decree or proclamation has ever called forth.

Faith and Peace are eternal quests—and twenty centuries are mere fleeting moments of Eternity.

### VANDORF

(Intended for last week) Miss Jessie Britton, Toronto, accompanied Miss Ruth Oliver home for the weekend.

Kenneth Switzer, Longlac, and John Babcock, Toronto, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Switzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morley were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry West on Sunday.

The Era and Express classifieds bring results.

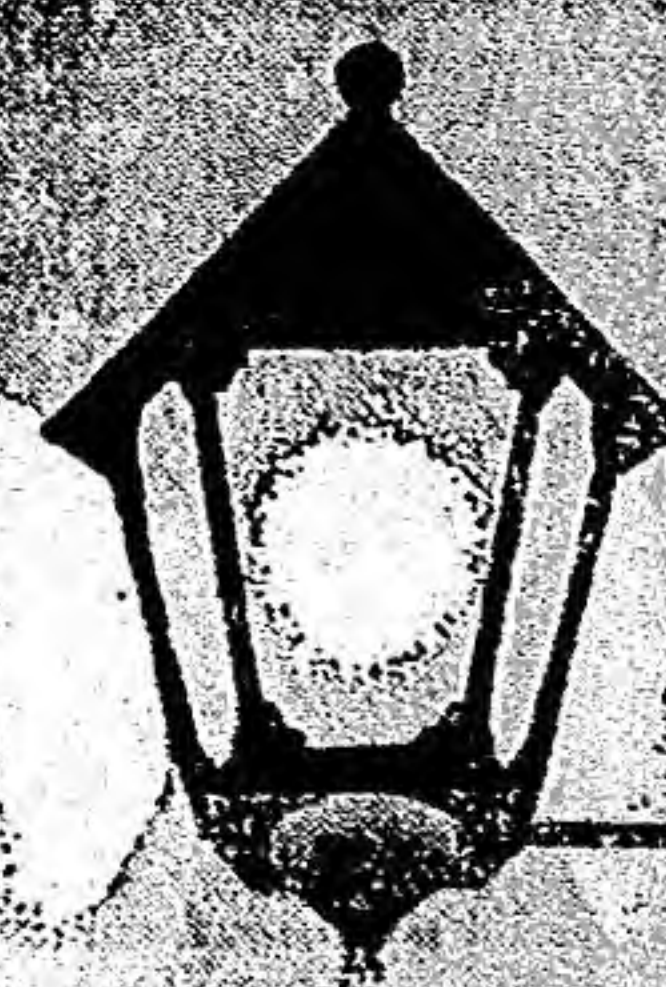
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### Rumors Of Merchants' Assn.

There is talk on Main St. of forming a businessmen's association to deal with such matters as Christmas parades, closing hours and holidays. According to rumor, several merchants have indicated such unanimous approval that a meeting is tentatively scheduled for early January. Needless to say, the formation of such an association would carry with it the best wishes of the customers of Main St. who will benefit most from the unanimity among merchants that may be expected to follow.

Apart from the advantages of making their own business arrangements, a businessmen's association would be in a position to contribute materially to the orderly growth of Newmarket by serving in an advisory capacity to the town council. A majority decision of the merchants, obtained through a businessmen's association, would have been a helpful contribution to the recent parking discussions.

It may be that the present enthusiasm, coincidental with the influx of customers for the Santa Claus parade and the usual Christmas business rush, may evaporate by the time January is here. It has happened before. At the same time, the need for a businessmen's association on Main St. is so obvious that even the most disinterested merchant should be able to see the benefits of united action. It is to be hoped that those "talking it up" now will follow the proposal through to a successful conclusion.

### They Won't Mix

There is always some fool who insists on driving while drunk. If he wraps his car around a telephone pole and spends Christmas day on the operating table or in plaster and bandages, he has no one to blame but himself. Unfortunately, he is just as likely to choose another car as target for his drunken career and others must suffer for his acts.

There is no excuse for mixing driving with drinking. If the driver insisted on ignoring the rules of elementary common sense and there were no one else on this planet, he could up-end in a ditch for all that it mattered. Since others use the roads, the driver's major obligation is towards them. Why should anyone else have to suffer injury or death because there is a drunk behind the wheel?

The Christmas season should be a happy one for all but if the statistics of the past are any indication, there are going to be those for whom the Christmases of the future will be anniversaries of personal tragedy, made the more poignant because it didn't have to be. There will always be the fools who will drive while drunk, but just for once, let us have a Christmas unmarred by death or destruction. If you are drinking, leave your car at home.

### Geoff Doesn't Care

Our son, Geoff, has been looking at the chimney and from his puzzled expression, is no doubt wondering how an eight-inch stovepipe can accommodate the girth of Santa Claus. He is quite confident that Santa can navigate the hazard successfully—he just wonders how it is done. Indeed, as Christmas Day approaches, Santa is the sole topic of Geoff's conversation. "Santa soon, dada?" he asks with almost monotonous regularity. The calendar is all too slow for the swift pace of Geoff's anticipation of Christmas morning.

We haven't told Geoff that Santa has been caught under a crossfire of condemnation as a pagan myth and a psychopathic delusion. We doubt if such broadsides would cut much ice with him. Santa is a very real person to Geoff, as he should be to every child. The reindeer and the flying sleigh, his marvellous immunity to soot and the heat of a winter's night furnace are the most natural trappings in the world.

Why one would wish to destroy this fancy in the name of a purer faith or intellectual integrity is more than we can understand. What matters the source of the fancy? Surely it is enough that the rolly-polly little man with the red nose is a symbol of giving; that in his warmth and his laughter there is the kindness of the human heart. What matters it that Santa Claus is only a fancy? Does what the symbol represents lose by the red coat and redder nose? Men have always needed the concrete to bring them closer to the abstract, the Santa Claus to help understand the Spirit of Christmas.

But none of these concerns bother Geoff; he will worry a bit about the dangers of that eight-inch stovepipe, the periodic storms which would disturb him not a bit. Santa is a real person to Geoff and he'll remain so until maturity dissolves the symbol for the act. And then a childhood memory will always serve as a source of warmth and kindness.

### Opinions Of Other Editors

#### CHRISTMAS FIRE SAFETY SUGGESTIONS (The Fire Marshal's office)

Many fires of disastrous consequence occur during the Christmas season. Reasons for these have been found due to failure to observe normal precautions or momentary forgetfulness of the added hazards during the season. From the experiences of those who were victims are suggestions for fire prevention which, if observed, will greatly lessen the chances that fire will take a disastrous toll this Christmas.

Open fires in buildings are a constant threat to the lives of everyone there. Lights with flickering flames are frequently used at the Christmas season only and fireplaces have more extensive use. They must be located safely and watched carefully. Any open flame lighting, as by candle, should be permitted only where fixed holders are provided well away from flammable decorations, Christmas trees, window curtains, table cloths or other flammable material. When lighted they should be under adult supervision and extinguished immediately when adult care cannot be provided.

For candlelight services only fixed holders for candles should be permitted and these located well removed from decorations and from where the public will pass. Much to be preferred are fixed electrical systems with specially designed electrical candles. The dangers from carrying or holding lighted candles by the public taking part in the services are much too great ever to be allowed. Flashlights have been satisfactorily adapted for members of the choir or for services requiring moving lights.

Flammable decorations should be kept to a minimum. They provide fuel for a rapid fire from any source of ignition. Metal, glass or asbestos decorations should be preferred in any selection. Flame-proofing treatment for paper and fabrics is available at low cost. In public buildings flammable decorations should be prohibited.

Electric lighting circuits for illumination of Christmas trees should be examined for defects in plugs and fuses, for breaks or damage to the cords.

An evergreen tree dries out rapidly in a warm room and should remain in a building for a few days only. It will retain longer if the base is cut diagonally and stands in a pan of water. Location and support of the tree is important. Away from fireplaces, stoves, heaters and light bulbs and

far distant from exit doors. The tree should be well supported, preferably with metal rods or wires.

Smoking habits are particularly important because of the quantities of wrappings, decorations and trees that might become involved. Matches and lighters should not be used near a tree, curtains or decorations, and extra care should be exercised in lighting or throwing away matches.

Disposal of loose paper wrappings should be effected immediately in a metal can or barrel with metal cover. It is hazardous to leave loose papers around and it is dangerous to burn them in quantity in a stove or furnace.

For gatherings at Christmas concerts and Christmas tree parties, emergency fire fighting equipment should be provided at an easily accessible location near, but not too close, to the tree. Fire extinguishers of pump tank or soda-acid types, or a length of garden or fire hose sufficient to reach any part of the area about the tree and ready for instant use, are most effective. Exits should be unlocked and unobstructed at all times that the building is occupied. In case of fire, call the fire department immediately.

Children are the usual victims. They need supervision when temptation is present and every precaution should be taken to make sure that they cannot reach matches or remove lighted candles or have their own garments or toys involved in fire. Santa has an obligation to bring them safety as well as Christmas presents.

## Federation Wires Smith Help Defeat 'Oleo' Bill

Newmarket — Meeting in the agricultural board room here on Tuesday, the directors of the York County Federation of Agriculture discussed the proposed co-operative medical services at considerable length following a report by the special committee which had met in the morning to study the project. While the meeting was favorable to the scheme it was referred back to the committee for particulars.

The committee consists of President R. G. Keffer of Maple; Secretary W. J. Buchanan, Downsview; Vice-President C. H. Hooper, Markham; Mrs. Geo. Cronsberry, Pefferlaw; Mrs. Reid Brumwell, Gormley; Mrs. Paul Snider, Maple; and Dalton Rumney, Victoria Square.

The directors endorsed the movement on foot to provide co-operative automobile insurance as outlined by the Ontario federation and president, vice-president and secretary were appointed a committee to investigate this and report at the next meeting.

Delegates appointed for the annual meeting of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture in Toronto early in January were Mrs. Reid Brumwell and Mrs. G.

Francy of Gormley, Mason Fletcher, Woodbridge, J. A. Macklin, Agincourt, and E. A. Buchanan, Unionville.

Three resolutions were passed, the first two of which will be forwarded to the provincial body asking that farmers be permitted to purchase feed grain direct from western growers or elevators and the other requesting the minister of highways to make arrangements whereby gasoline tax refunds can be paid much more promptly than at present. The third resolution was wired direct to the York county members of the House of Commons, J. E. Smith and R. H. McGregor, as follows: "Directors' meeting of the Federation of Agriculture now in session at Newmarket urgently request on behalf of York county farmers your support to defeat bill before parliament on the importation or manufacture of oleomargarine."

The meeting was attended by a good turn-out of the directors and was presided over by President R. G. Keffer of Maple.

"They tell me she makes people happy wherever she goes." "You mean 'whenever'!"

## On Second Thought

By The Editor

With the paper going to press one day earlier for each of the past three weeks, our calendar has been completely muddled. The pre-press day jitters of the usual Wednesday came on Monday last week, and then, from force of habit we suppose, re-appeared on Wednesday again. Habit is a terrible thing.

However, as we write this, we have passed the half-way mark of our 24-page paper and are still within our schedule of four pages to the press each day and doubling up on Saturday. We have to print the final run and have our papers in the mail on Monday to avoid as much as possible the pre-Christmas rush.

Printing a 24-page issue, even after the warm-up period of three 16-page issues, presents a number of problems not ordinarily with us. For example, the country news budgets reach us on Tuesday in a normal week. Some copy comes in Wednesday morning. As a rule, we are able to print them all on their usual pages without holding back a press run.

But with the paper coming out

on Wednesday, and Tuesday, and this week on a Monday, our schedule is all upset, and the country news is being printed as it is received. We're sorry, folks, but that is the best we can do at the moment. We'll be back to normal in January.

On the front page of this issue, there is a Christmas greeting from the staff of The Era and Express to all Era and Express readers. We are going to use this column for ourselves, however, for an extra and more personal "Best Wishes" of the season. Our only regret is that it is impossible for us to get around and see you all this festive season.

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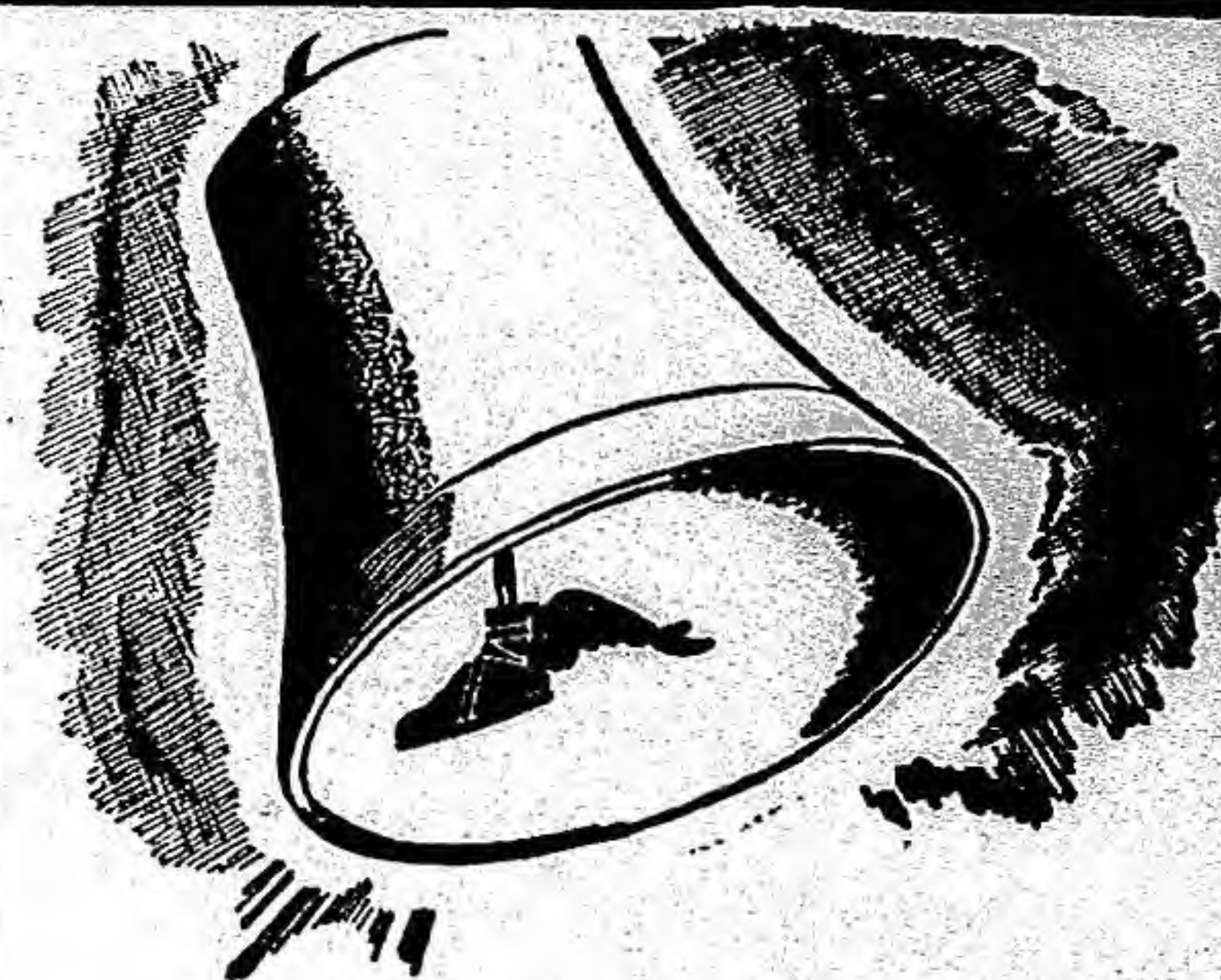
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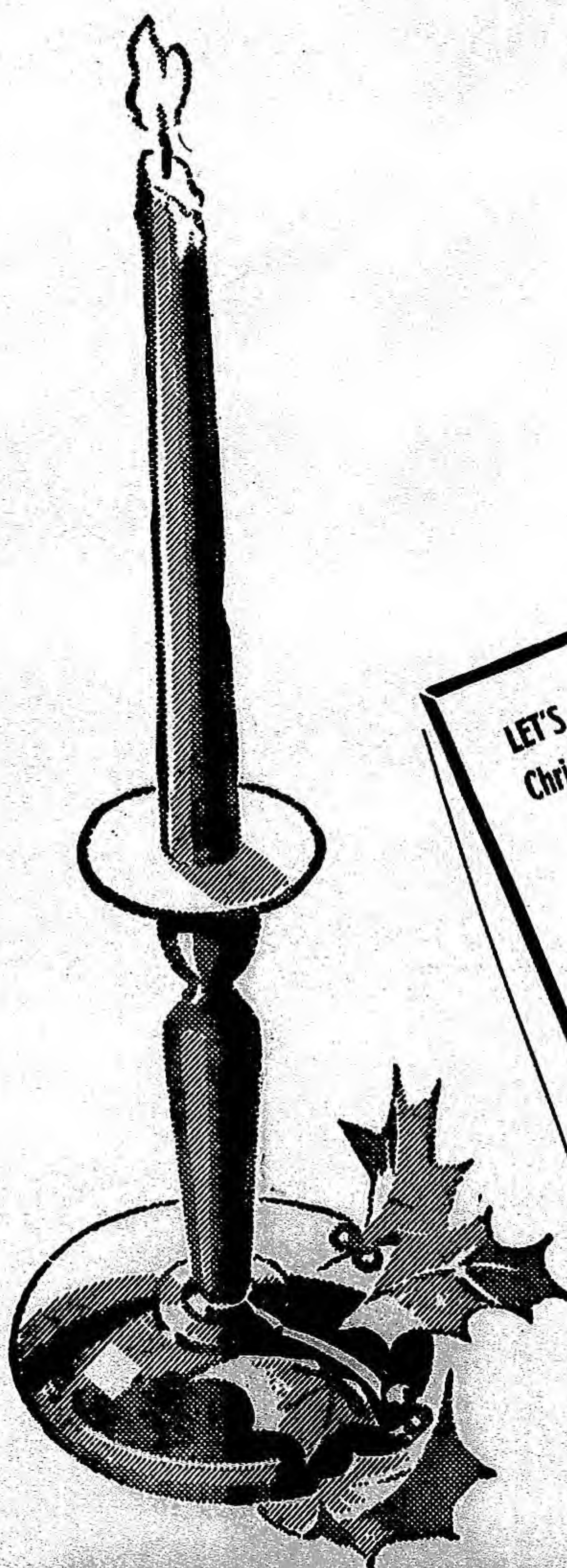


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GOOD YEAR

# Christmas Greetings



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Christmas is the time for friendliness, for the open house and the open heart. . . . You and your friends of Newmarket show this co-operation in assisting a sick neighbor . . . in your concern over the illness of a child of inspiration to a downhearted friend . . . in short in those every-day acts of consideration and co-operation that come from an open, friendly heart. The industries and Newmarket will continue to go forward so long as its people reveal this same spirit of Christmas in their daily tasks.



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From The Era and Express files, Dec. 29, 1922.

Mr. Frank Brammer had a runaway on Christmas day. The cutter ran against the gatepost and the horse ran away with the shafts. Nobody hurt.

Dr. and Mrs. Wilkinson visited at Cookstown on Sunday.

Mr. Wm. Young spent the holidays with friends in Galt.

Mr. J. W. Widdifield, M.P.P., spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. R. Hugo.

On the Newmarket markets this week, butter sold at 40 cents a lb. and eggs were 80 cents a doz.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleming Young attended the wedding of D. C. Soules, B.A., D.D., in Toronto on

Wednesday.

At the nomination meetings, W.H.S. Cane became mayor by acclamation and Mr. Nesbitt, deputy-reeve. Candidates for reeve are Wm. Keith, J. M. B. Stephens and A. W. Evans. For councillors, F. W. Lundy, John O. Moss, F. N. Smith, W. W. Osborne, W. Winger, Ed. Richardson, A. J. Davis, J. H. Elvidge, Harry Doyle, W. H. Helmer, Dr. C. Ames, Geo. Barker, W. Riley and S. L. Hueston. Dr. L. W. Dales was chairman at the meeting.

Reeve Keith in his nomination speech, referred to the criticism regarding new industries, the inference being the present ones did not want the others. He said that this is not true. The council has never turned down anything that it thought might prove a success. He said the debt was now \$360,000. On the Memorial Hall question, he said that he had considered it a good idea to build a new municipal hall on Millard Ave. on the property just west of the present fire hall. Should an accident occur with a crowd in the fire hall he said, the town would probably pay damages more than the proposed new building would cost.

The hospital is very well satisfied with its work over the past six months. Ninety-seven operations have been performed with no surgical deaths. Also it is a pleasure to know that a great deal of charity work has been done.

Messrs. Kenneth Hunter and Cecil Lundy, who are attending college at Kingston, are home for the weekend.

From The Era and Express files, Friday, Dec. 24, 1897

By the latest calculation, a traveller can go around the world in 50 days. Think of encircling the globe in less time than it takes some men to pay their grocery bills!

Miss Rose Gartley, Toronto, is here for Christmas.

Mr. William Armitage, Sr., Toronto, is visiting in town this week.

Mr. Lewis Lukes, Montreal, was in town a day or two this week.

Mrs. James Silver left on Tuesday to spend the holidays in Toronto.

Miss Millie Howard is home from Whitby Ladies' College for Christmas vacation.

Miss Kelly, who has been teaching in Toronto for six years, is home on a visit to her mother and sister during vacation.

We regret to state that our esteemed merchant, R. J. Davidson, is in poor health and is confined to the house a good deal of the time. He has been longer in business here than any other merchant.

George R. Simpson left town last week to accept a position as clerk with the government surveyor of the County of Norfolk. He regretted very much having to resign his position as captain of the Newmarket Hockey club, and although not able to play with them, his hope is that all

their games may result in a victory for the Green and Red. We are sure the boys all wish him success in return.

Miss Breen has taught the separate school for the past five years and proved herself a capable teacher, but it being intimated that the trustees intended to reduce the salary of \$300, it being more than they felt they could afford, Miss Breen sent in her resignation. Walter Cain, son of baggage master Cain at the depot, has been appointed her successor at \$265 a year. The nomination of three trustees for 1898-99 takes place at the school-house next Wednesday. The retiring members of the board are Messrs. McHale, McTague and Doyle.

A physician asserts that so long as a cyclist can breathe with his mouth shut he is safe so far as the strain of the heart is concerned.

### Say Teachers Underpaid

The Ontario rural school teacher was the subject of Ontario Farm Forum discussions at Maple on December 8 and other forum discussions throughout the province. The majority of the forums feel that "the Ontario rural school teacher, bless her, is certainly underpaid" when her responsibilities are considered.

One report said that "since rural areas are the seed bed of the nation, the duties of the rural teacher are just that much more important. Her influence is felt for at least two generations. Her salary, therefore, should be much higher than that of a city stenographer or the teacher in a one-room school in town."

The majority agreed that the rural minister and the agricultural representative should have more money since, at the moment, they require greater education, but it was pointed out that in order for the rural school teacher to do the job he or she is expected to do, his or her education and remuneration should be for a higher standard of rural equal.

"The extra money necessary education should come from government grants so that all would share equally in the costs," the reports said. Several pointed out that taxes for education should be shared by property-owners and non-owners alike. "Government has a responsibility as well and should contribute its rightful part," the reports continued.

Apart from becoming better qualified to teach more than 200 forums felt the teacher should try to take a greater interest in general community life. A forum in Shannonville, Hastings, said, "The rural teacher should consider her school and her pupils her first responsibility and then participate in community affairs to the extent that it does not interfere with her duties as a teacher." Salford, second line in Oxford, said, "Take part, but only in an advisory capacity."

Practically all forums felt the teacher should live in the community in which she is teaching and should try to be an example of honesty and courtesy. She should, however, continue to be natural. Nearly 50 forums felt her greatest contribution to the community would be to marry a local farmer and settle in the community permanently. "She would then be a lifetime influence," they said.

Several new forums have started in York County during the past month. Anyone wishing information about them is asked to communicate with Roland Keffer, Maple, president of the York County federation, or with the secretary of any of the forums which are in action.

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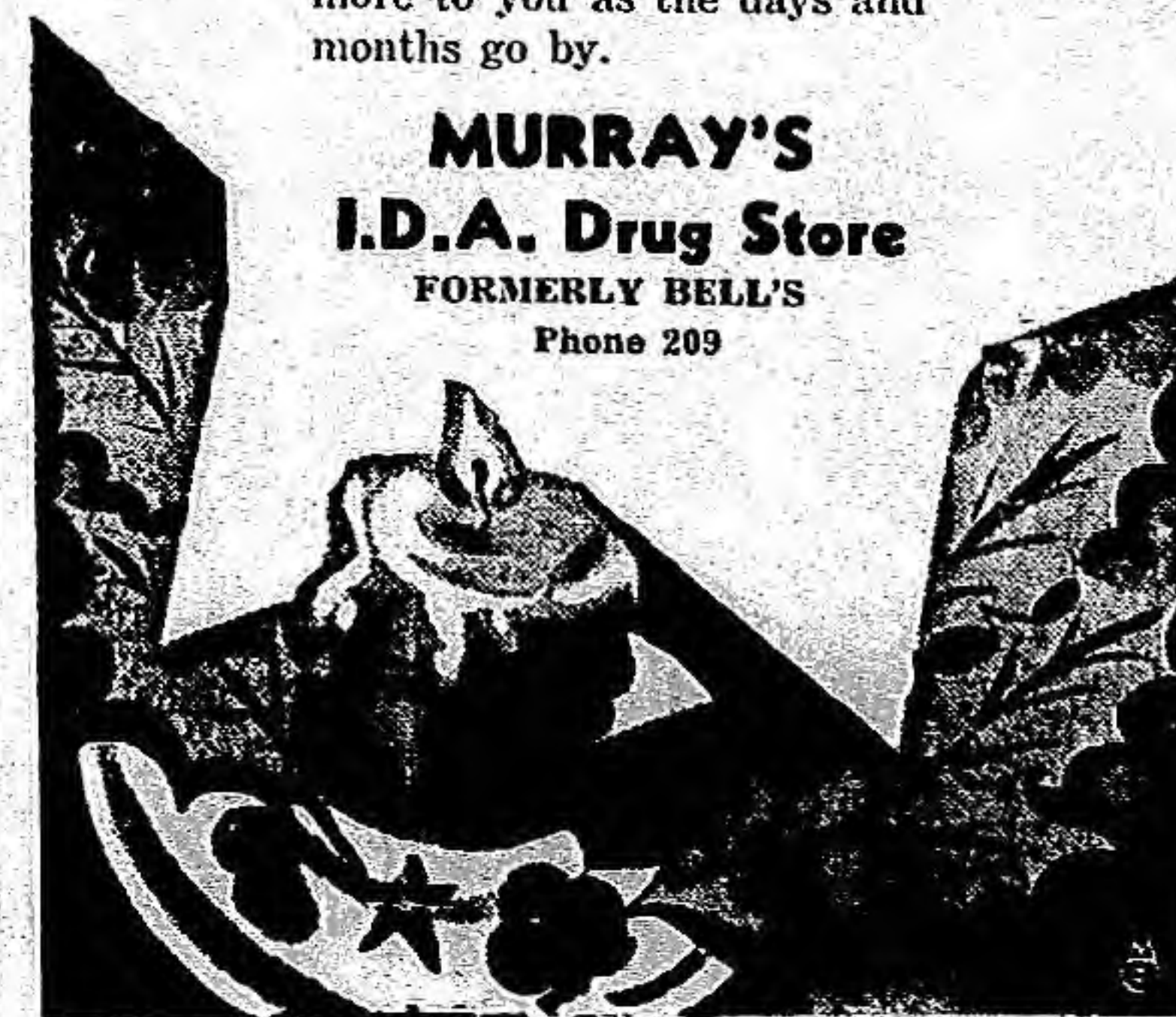
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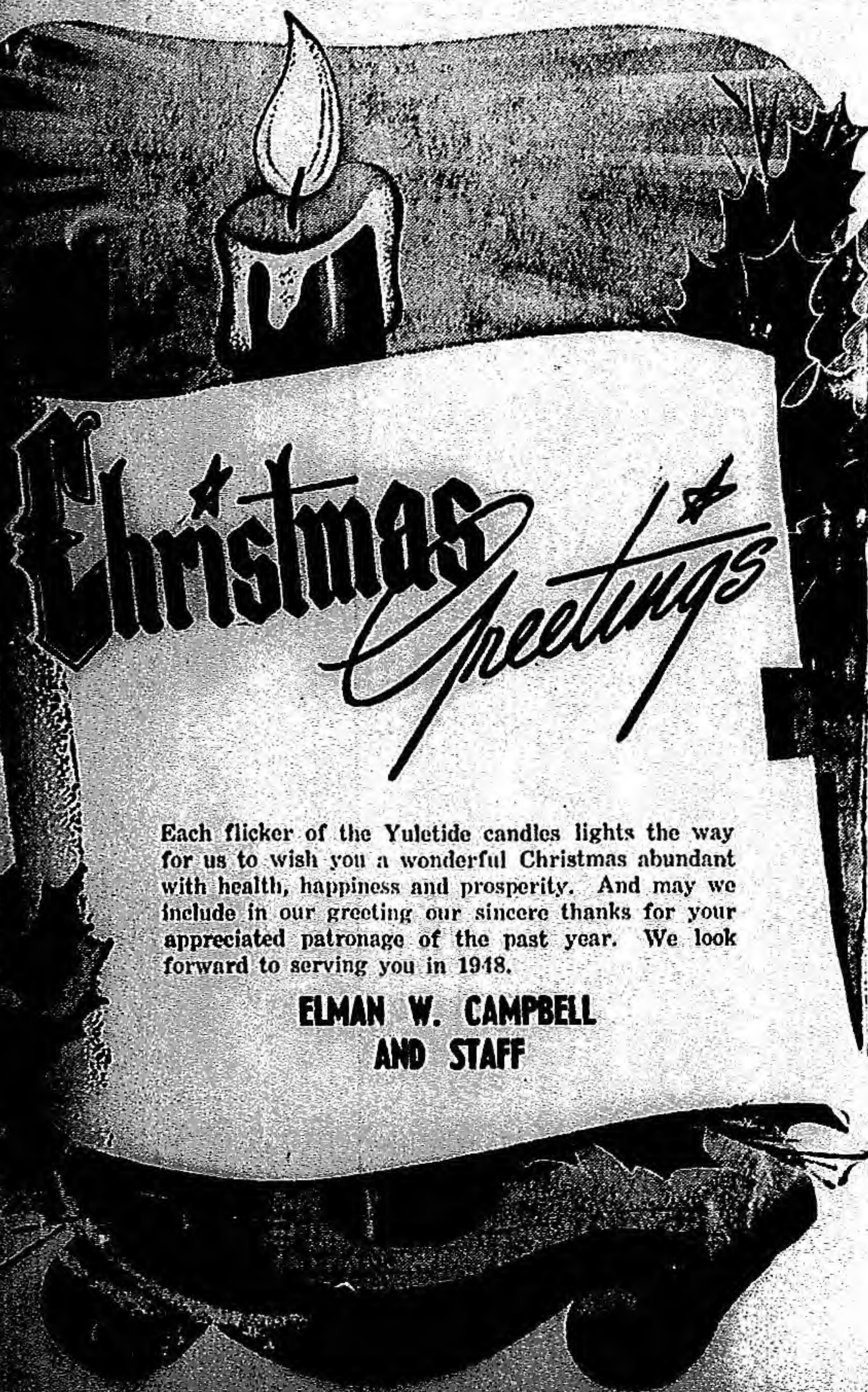
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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL!

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## Each Year At Christmas

In honor of the Hawthorn, which is said to have sheltered Christ while he rested in the woods before the crucifixion, Joseph of Arimathea chose a thorn staff when he started on his long journey to Britain shortly after the death of Christ. Arriving at last at his new home in Glastonbury, Joseph stuck his walking stick into the ground; the staff began to grow and soon acquired the habit of producing flowers each Christmas Eve.

The first literary mention of the thorn is contained in Hearne's History and Antiquities of Glastonbury, published in 1722. In this work, Mr. Eyston states: "Whether it sprang from St. Joseph of Arimathea's dry staff, I cannot find, but beyond all dispute it sprang up miraculously." When Britain adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1753, 2,000 persons assembled at Glastonbury on December 25—new style—to see if the Holy Thorn would bloom in agreement with the new calendar; when it did not, many refused to participate in the usual observances of Christmas. The evil of changing calendars was proven when the thorn blossomed on January 5—Christmas Eve—old style—and many ministers in the vicinity of Glastonbury appeared their congregations by announcing that Christmas would be observed according to the old calendar.

A cutting of the Glastonbury thorn was brought to America in 1900 and planted near St. Alban's school in Washington, D.C., by the late Right Rev. Henry Gates Satterlee. The cutting grew into a tree, blossoming for the first time in December, 1918; since then, it has blossomed each year at Christmas time and attracts thousands of visitors annually.

## Hoffman Takes The Count To Orillia Pucksters

By GEO. HASKETT, JR.

The question of the week around the hub of North York is: what ever happened to the Hoffman Intermediates Monday night? Well may the question be asked. For "our intermediates" were soundly trounced by the Orillia "Narvos" by a 13-3 count at Barrie Monday night.

It must be said right here and now that the Hoffman men failed to show any team-play and certainly Orillia was full value for their triumph. In fact, Frankie Carr turned in a good game in the Newmarket nets and made some great saves to hold the score down.

The paint men from Orillia hopped into a 3-1 lead in the first stanza and never looked back. They added six in the second and four in the final 20 minutes to build up their total.

Normie Legg was chief marksman for the pressmen, slapping in two goals. Bill Johnston and Don Smith caught the scorer's eye for assists. Left Winger Johnny Crewson, up from last year's Richmond Hill club, was the other goal scorer with "Ninny" Cosgrove and Harv. Gibney earning the assists.

Clare Paine, Larry French and "Red" Gordon all shared in the shower of goals earned by the Orillia sextet. Paine led the parade with four, French and Gordon each poking in three.

As mentioned above, the Hoffman "Pressmen" were weak on the attack and certainly, with the opposition now facing them in the Barrie, Orillia, Collingwood and Midland group, must develop team play to the nth degree to hold up their head in this going. In any event Hoffman, it must be remembered, got a bad game out of their sys-

carry the banner for the canal town.

Gord Ough has put his name on the line to manager the team this winter. Gordon was on the job last winter and earned plenty of praise for work well done. It goes without repeating his crew will be kept in there hustling throughout the season. The Legion also made a smart move to line up Larry Molyneux to coach our youngest hockey representatives. Molly is another "local" who made good in the hockey "comings and goings". He knows his stuff on the ice lanes and should get our future hockey stars away on the right foot.

Rounding out the midget picture are Grant Dillane and Aubrey Marshall. Both served in an executive capacity last winter and will be around to help iron out any problems that come up for attention.

Just can't let this pass without a word of praise for our old pal, Jimmy Walker. This winter, although not actively with any of the teams, Jimmy with Fred Hall is heading up the sports committee of the Newmarket recreational commission. Jimmy has a world of knowledge on hockey and has spent many hours with junior, mercantile and juvenile teams in the past. Jimmy, it must be said, is always ready to throw in his weight to help with any of the teams.

Bert Peterman is another hockey man about town and while not on the active list of any of the clubs, has been a ready and willing worker during past seasons. Bert, at the moment, is chief talent scout for Herbie Simpson's Pine Orchard crew and expects to put a team on the ice in the Uxbridge town league. Don't be a bit surprised if several of last year's Hoffman hockey stars are out with his club.

There are a host of others, notably Vic, Ken Howard, Ken Mount, Johnny Victor, to name a few, ready to pitch in on the assisting end.

Finally a word about an old Newmarket hockey enthusiast, Pat Vernon. Pat was the guiding genius behind several of our minor and mercantile teams in days gone by. Pat, we are sorry to say, has been on the sick list for some time now, so if any of you folks care to drop him a line, the address is care of Sutton Private hospital, Sutton. He will be more than pleased to hear from you.

Here's luck to all our teams. Keep in there fighting and before you know it, Newmarket will once again be ready for some hockey championships.

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Harry "Silver" Thoms is assistant coach and has had a finger in the hockey pie for a number of years. "Silver" had the honor of bringing the first junior team into the group play-downs last winter, something that a Newmarket junior squad hasn't done for several years. Silver keeps an eye on the hockey comings and goings and played for Newmarket teams for several years, finishing out his playing career on the defense for the Davis "Merk" champs before the outbreak of World War II.

Harry Goodman is the treasurer of the Gapco boys and is breaking into the hockey executive doing this year for the first time although he has been an enthusiastic hockey fan of years standing.

Ken Groves, within the last week, has accepted the job of trainer for the juniors. Kenie spearheaded the Roche's Point mercantile team last winter and expects to don his hockey apparel for another district team this winter as well as handle the training table chore for the Gapco entry.

Next to get into the line of fire are "our juveniles." As reported recently, the Newmarket Lions are going to pay the shot to keep the juvenile entry in the O.M.I.A. Fred Hall, who started the ball rolling in the minor hockey ranks, is set to handle the coaching duties. Freddie took most of the lads he expects to put through their paces from the school hockey teams and has brought them along to this stage. Freddie stresses team play and sportsmanship to his charges and has set up an impressive record with his teams in the past. Before coming to Newmarket, Fred played considerable lacrosse out Caledon way and not so many years back had another whirl at Canada's old game.


Assisting Fred Hall as manager is Eddie Gibson. Eddie, it goes without saying, has spent hour after hour assisting hockey and baseball teams in Newmarket and the Lions couldn't lay hands on a better man for the job. Frank Courtney returns to the hockey wars as secretary-treasurer of the team. Frank slid out of the hockey picture for a number of years but will once again take an active part. Last summer he was manager of the ladies' softball team that did so well for the town in the P.W.S.U. play-downs.

Frank Bowser, 'tis said, has the inside track on the nomination as president of the club. Frank, it will be recalled, kept last year's midget entry in the King Clancy series of the Toronto hockey league and the boys gained considerable experience in their play-off games in Toronto. It should prove valuable in their hockey wars this winter.

In case you hadn't noticed, the Lions also have made a star choice in grabbing off Barney Revill as trainer. Barney should prove a key man in the juvenile picture. Barney has played quite a bit of playground and junior hockey in Toronto and will certainly keep the boys in tip-top condition for the winter.

Last but by no means least, our Legion friends headed by Dr. VanderVoort are out to set the world on fire with the midgets. The task will be difficult, to be sure, as most of last year's good midget club are moving up into the juvenile series. But the doctor has been getting quite a lineup of talent on the hook and you can look for something good to

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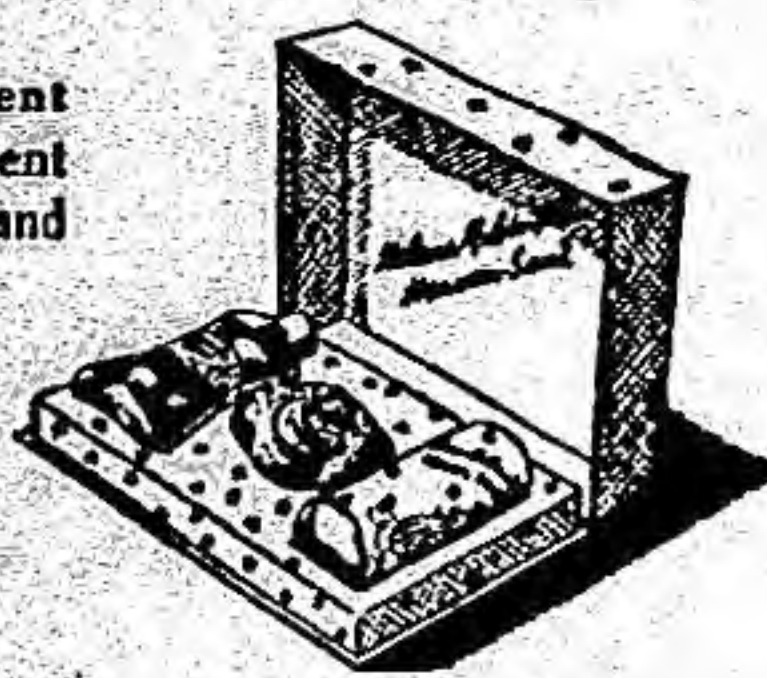
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## Gleanings From Weekly Press

The Letter-Review commenting on the new import restrictions and austerity program wonders "why governments really like to be unpopular by fooling with the comfort of the citizens, on some vague theory that government officials know better what is good for the public than the public knows, remains a major puzzle in our modern life". Then phlegmatically opines it is the current habit of governments, apparently they refuse to give it up.

Yep, they'll do it every time: Despite the most broad-minded intentions, there are moments when it is difficult not to agree with the dear old lady who, asked her opinion of the United Nations conference replied: "I think it is a very good idea, but it is a pity they have so many foreigners in it."

The Sentinel-Review at Cobourg, Ont., writes about the "too many organizations" in most communities and thinks they need the enterprise of which each one is capable for there are organizations to be bolstered and things needed to be done—but as to too many bridge clubs, etc., thinks, "A portion of pleasure is necessary for equanimity but a wholesale waste of time evening after evening is a sure sign of decadence."

The Kamloops (B.C.) Sentinel thinks a little unkindly of bureaucrats who think Canadians can't be trusted to determine for themselves between truth and propaganda, twits thus: "O, ye in bureaucracy of little faith. Canadians are not children. We can sort out for ourselves that which is and that which ain't. We don't need direction from on high as to whom we shall listen and much less do we need to be kept from listening to those whose objectives are so obvious."

The notion that business profits, under state ownership, can be used to pay for greatly improved standards of living and social benefits is demonstrably fallacious, claims the Yorkton (Sask.) Enterprise. Elaborates, "Business operations often result in loss, rather than profit, as our Saskatchewan planners are beginning to learn to their chagrin. The surpluses, before taxes, on all Canadian business would increase labor and farm incomes only ten percent. Social benefits and services would still have to be paid for, as now, by taxes, but with the state monopolizing the most profitable and essential fields of business taxation sources would be sharply curtailed with the result that fewer businesses and individuals would have to provide a greater volume of tax revenue, with resultant heavier taxation all round."

Tests, part of a safe driving campaign made by the University of Toronto, indicate of every 100 persons driving private motor vehicles, at least six should never get behind the wheel. Most of us think it should be the other way around.

We must have people and in a hurry, demands Val d'Or, Que., Star, but makes the proviso that they must be the type who belong within a democracy and who can adapt themselves to the democratic way of life. "We must face the fact that to preserve our national integrity in perpetuity we must populate our vast, open spaces and push our frontiers to their limits, which is a long way to go yet."

Canadian items: A baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. John Jamieson at Nordogg, Alta., is the first girl to be born to the Jamieson family in 148 years. . . . At Sceptre, Sask., village of a few hundred, the George Baird farm sale brought an estimated attendance of 2,000 people. . . . Not a bull, but a calf being unloaded by Lester Bros., at Forest, Ont., bolted, crashed through the window of the John W. Gregg home and really scattered things around the living-room. . . .

The Watford, Ont., Guide-Advocate is tickled with this story of a prominent citizen who entered the living-room, dropped on his hands and knees, braying like a donkey; found a dead silence and looked up to discover dinner guests regarding him with disgust or maybe alarm; the children's party was next door. . . . They sang without an organ at All-Saints' church when night thieves broke in, stole the motor which operates the organ. . . . At Spiritwood, Sask., after an all-night search by R.C.M.P. and local citizens, one of them returned home found the "lost" six-year-old Jimmy Cook calmly sitting in the parlor reading a book. . . . At Cadillac, Sask., Lacombe boys set a trap for weasel, caught a rare bobcat or lynx.

### SNORE LESS

Snoring, so often accepted as inevitable, should receive medical attention, declares the Department of National Health and Welfare, Ottawa. In a bulletin, the health authorities state that snoring is common among sufferers from some form of nose blockage, and that persistent snorers should see their family doctor for corrective measures.

## Christmas Greetings From The 'Lapps'

Dear friends of Keswick and Ravenshoe: Every Christmas you receive at least one "funny" card. The sender forgot to sign his name or he put the card for somebody else in your envelope, or he sent you the card he had already received from somebody else. You know how it goes. It's a season for being in a whirl.

We thought so when we tried to make a count of the number of cards we would need. We just didn't know where to begin or to end in trying to send cards to you folks.

The weekly papers arrived and, reading them, we got an idea. Maybe it was the old influence of the Brighton paper at work. Maybe it was because we always enjoy our funny Christmas card. (We get one every year.) Anyhow, you folks are sure to get one funny card this year. It will be printed in your weekly papers—provided that Messrs. Shepherd and Meyer can be cajoled; bullied or bribed into printing it.

If they can, this is it. Merry Christmas to everybody at Keswick and Ravenshoe. Merry Christmas from three former residents who wish they could look you in the eye and say it face to face.

We're busy and happy and enjoying life and work in Calgary. Central United church is a busy place, with its 2,600 communicant members, its substantial adherents' list, its Sunday-school of 500, its numerous and various mid-week organizations, its fine choir and its friendly people. A building extension which will cost more than \$100,000 is now under construction. Central is located in the heart of the business section, with no bus or street car line more than one block away.

Martin is looking forward to a happy Christmas with Grandmother Carscadden, Uncle Alan, Aunt Helen and small cousin Suzanne. So are Martin's parents. For New Year's we expect to go 70 miles north-east of Calgary to a farm. (Nice little farm of 900 acres.)

There will be some missing Christmas items however. For example, the Ravenshoe Christmas supper—the only one of its kind in captivity. And the concert at Mount Pleasant, Jersey and Ravenshoe schools. And the C.G.I.T. candlelight vesper service in Keswick church. And the first game of the season for Keswick hockey team. But we'll be with you in spirit, hoping that these and many other events will be rich with the true spirit of Christmas.

Last July begins to seem like a long time ago. But we have pleasant memories of our west-bound trip through Ontario, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, Saskatchewan (this was a detour north to see some friends) Montana and Alberta.

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mountains. (No, we haven't tried walking over before breakfast.) Calgary continues to grow. It is now 106,000. Built in the valleys of two rivers, Bow and Elbow, on the slopes and the tops of the river banks and then spreading out into what was once farm land, Calgary promises (or threatens) to become a fairly big city.

Martin is enjoying his grade I. It happens that his school, located four blocks from home, is a normal practice school. The normal school is in the same big building. A technical school is attached and Martin is very eager to study carpentry. That must be the subconscious influence of the many Keswick carpenters and builders among his friends.

We greatly enjoyed the visits from Jim and Harty Clark, Gordon Winch, Isaac and Mrs. Marriott and Jack Marriott, Edmonton. Mrs. Woodward, who says she is half Ravenshoe, is in Calgary for a while with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Squire Stonehouse. Visiting with the Stonehouses we went right up and down the streets in Keswick.

Christmas papers are crowded. We can't blame editors Shepherd

and Meyer if the fingers that hold the blue pencil are getting itchy. So, once again, for you all—Merry Christmas and Tiny Tim's prayer. Your friends, Eula, Martin and Gordon Lapp, Calgary, Alta.

### KESWICK

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Charles Fockler, Maple, in the loss of her mother, Mrs. Jones, after a lingering illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Haddon and Miss Florence Waldon, Toronto, were home for over Sunday.

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6. Wassail bowl.
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Sometimes, since she had taken her mother's place, Kate did think she was imposed upon. But she blamed no one. Her father was generous enough with the money, and she had Martie in the kitchen and old Sam for outside work. But five inconsiderate younger brothers and sisters, a preoccupied father and a grumbling grandfather made a household that needed supervision.

For the past two years, Kate thought, there had really been no Christmas. But this year would be different. The brothers, all in boarding school or college, had accepted invitations to spend the holidays with roommates. One sister was visiting an aunt, and the other had gone south with her exacting but youthful grandfather. And Kate's father was spending the season with a thoroughly capable widow who, it had been whispered, he was considering as a possible second wife.

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the driveway, Kate told Martie and Sam to take a two-day vacation—and then settled back to spend Christmas by herself. She ran into the capacious living room and with a completely undignified leap planted herself sprawling upon the divan. Everyone but Kate sprawled on that divan. Kate never had time. Now she would begin the Christmas holidays by staying there for hours.

Before dinner-time she donned her best red evening frock and over this her smock. Then she went down to the kitchen to make herself a meal, admitting for the first time that it was rather lonesome in the old house. She heard loud rappings on the old brass knocker, and went to open the door rather timidly.

But her timidity gave way to annoyance. There was her older brother, Tom, who had started that morning ostensibly to pass the holidays with a group of bachelor friends. And here he was, back—with five young men in tow! They were heavily laden, turkey feet protruding from one of the bundles.

"Well, we began talking it over," Tom said, "and decided Christmas at the club would be a frost. So I asked the fellows to come home with me. I was afraid you wouldn't have things for the feast, so we stopped and got what we thought you'd want. Bill, here, even got mistletoe, though I told him there'd be no pretty girls!"

Then, turning to one of the young men whom Kate had never met, the factless brother went on. "Bill, this is my sister. Now I'll run along and get the car in the garage. And, sis, you might take the fellows up and show 'em where you want 'em to sleep!"

Bill alone of the young bachelors noted the look of disappointment on Kate's face. Later, after she had prepared an impromptu Christmas Eve supper and laid aside her smock, she heard Bill say from the other end of the table: "I thought Tom said there would be no pretty girls here. Boys, let's drink a toast to Sister Kate!"

It was past midnight that night when Kate left the kitchen. The boys had helped with the dishes under Bill's orders, but there would be pies and puddings to make for the next day and Kate knew she would have her hands full. She was up early to prepare the festive breakfast, and all day she worked in the kitchen.

It was late Christmas night when she had finished the last work in the kitchen. As she passed through the hall, Bill stood waiting for her. There, above them, hung the mistletoe—and Bill did not neglect his privilege.

"It isn't just because of the mistletoe," he told Kate, holding her still close to him. "I loved you when I first saw you. It has been outrageous for us to impose on you this way."

"It's all been worthwhile, Bill," Kate replied, "because I've made myself believe that I was doing it all for you—alone!"

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# CHRISTMAS

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## Christmas Trees, Cribbs And Ceppi

Christmas trees and cribs, with-  
in respective spheres of influence,  
provide focal points for observ-  
ances of the season.

Various legends claim to tell the  
story of the first Christmas tree;  
actually, evergreen decorations



were so closely associated with  
pagan celebrations that they were  
banned by many ecclesiastics of  
the early church.

According to literature, the  
first Christmas tree was set up at  
Strasbourg, Germany, in 1604;  
even then, the cry rose against  
heathen customs and, as late as  
1881, the Rev. Henry Schwan was  
severely criticized for setting up  
a Christmas tree in his church in

Cleveland, Ohio.

St. Francis of Assisi received  
special permission from the pope  
to present a tableau of the nativ-  
ity scene. This first crib, set up  
at Greccio, Italy, in 1223, was an  
immediate sensation; the renaiss-  
ance endowed the cribs with or-  
nate pageantry and modernly the  
crib is to southern Europe and  
Catholic countries what the tree  
is to America and northern lands.  
Eighteenth century Italians  
were fond of a fantastic decora-  
tion called the Ceppo. Pyramidi-  
cal in construction, the Ceppi  
were made on a framework of  
laths with transverse shelves ris-  
ing to three or four stories, de-  
pending on the over-all size of the  
Ceppo.

The whole thing was covered  
with colored paper, tufts, tassels,  
fringes, tiny pine cones, and little  
flags; a manger scene was repre-  
sented on the lowest shelf, while  
the upper ones were covered with  
small gifts, etc.; wax tapers were  
placed along the sides and a large  
gilt cone ornamented the top.  
Although the original designer  
probably never saw a Christmas  
tree, the Ceppo—aided by a little  
imagination—bridges the gap be-  
tween Christmas cribs and trees.

Give The Newmarket Era and  
Express for Christmas.

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Children of Provence, France,  
reverently recite the following  
prayer before the Christmas cribs  
in that vicinity:

Little Jesus of the Crib—  
Give us the virtues of those who  
surround you.

Make us as philosophical as the  
fisherman,

Carefree as the drummer,  
Merry for exploring the world as  
the troubadour,

Eager for work as the bugler,  
Patient as the spinner,

Kind as the ass,  
Strong as the ox which keeps you  
warm.

Give us the sacred leisure of the  
hunter.

Give us also the desire of the  
Shepherd for earthly things,

The pride of the trade of the  
knife grinder and the weaver,

The song of the miller.  
Give us the knowledge of the  
Magi,

The cheerfulness of the pigeon,  
The impulsiveness of the cock,

The discretion of the snail,  
The meekness of the lamb.

Give us the goodness of bread,  
The tenderness of the wild boar,

The salt of the haddock,  
The good humor of old wine,

The ardor of the candle,  
The purity of a star.

Propriety of a few of the meta-  
phors may be disputed, neverthe-  
less, nostalgia prompts specula-  
tion regarding a world of human-  
ity endowed with the virtues so  
earnestly and innocently enumer-  
ated by the little ones.



On Christmas Eve, Nancy hur-  
ried breathlessly into her room-  
ing house. Surely the package  
from home would be there! Eut  
Mrs. Groggins, the ugly little  
landlady, shook her head.

"Nothing," she said. "The  
mailman went right by this af-  
ternoon."

Up in her room Nancy spent a  
lonesome Christmas Eve. She  
read awhile to forget her hung-  
er, then went to bed. Next  
morning it was the destitute  
Mrs. Wilson who awakened her.

"Merry Christmas, Miss Bell!"  
she shouted, walking into the  
room uninvited. Nancy was ir-  
ritated, momentarily, by this  
magnanimous, shallow creature.

But she quickly regained her  
composure. It was Christmas,  
after all!

"It was swell of you, dearie, to  
pay Mrs. Groggins a week's rent  
in advance last night," Mrs. Wil-  
son said, settling herself into  
the most comfortable chair. "I  
don't know what would have  
happened, because I'm caught a  
bit short just now and couldn't  
pay."

Nancy said it was all right,  
that she had been glad to do it.



but then she felt hungry and re-  
membered there had been no  
dinner—and now no breakfast.  
All because of Mrs. Wilson!

"I was just about to drop out  
for a bite to eat," her visitor ex-  
plained, "and seeing you're all  
alone, I thought you might like  
to come along."

About noon she dressed, for  
Jim was calling for her at one  
o'clock. What a ravenous ap-  
petite she would have.

But one o'clock passed, and no  
Jim. Nor at 2 or 3, and Nancy's  
spirits began to give way. Had  
he, too, chosen to punish her on  
Christmas?

Downstairs she heard Mr. and  
Mrs. Groggins welcoming their  
guests for the day, and she took  
a vicarious pleasure from it.  
She heard the dinner bell, the  
clatter of dishes as they dined,  
and then the shuffling of chairs  
as the well-fed guests retired to  
the living-room. By that time it  
was five o'clock and Nancy sat  
by her window, figuratively bit-  
ting her fingernails. She was al-  
most hysterical with fear, and  
she began to worry.

At six o'clock she put on her  
coat and dashed down the stairs,  
headed she knew not where.  
Perhaps to find Jim, perhaps  
merely to escape her room. She  
reached the entrance, turned the  
knob and pulled open the door—  
and there was Jim, just arriv-  
ing!

Tearfully she threw herself  
into his arms, shivering from  
fright. "Oh, Jim!" she cried.  
"Where have you been?"

"But didn't you get my mes-  
sage?" he asked. "I had to work  
in the laboratory this afternoon,  
and telephoned Mrs. Groggins at  
12:30!" His brow was furrowed.

Just then there was a voice be-  
hind them. "Miss Bell!" It was  
Mrs. Groggins. "A message for  
you. It came just before dinner,  
but then our guests arrived and  
I didn't get around to bringing it  
up."

Nancy took the slip from her  
hand, wiping away a tear. She  
heard Jim cursing.

"Let's get out of here, honey,"  
he said, quietly.

A short time later they were  
dining by candlelight while a  
string ensemble played soft  
Christmas music in the back-  
ground. Jim looked up from his  
coffee and smiled, then reached  
into his pocket.

"There was a big package on  
your desk at the office," he said.  
"It came today. From your  
folks, I guess. Too big to carry  
with me, but maybe this will  
take its place."

He reached for her left hand,  
then for the second finger, and at  
its tip he poised a diamond ring.

Then he looked at her, asking as-  
sent.

"Yes, darling," she said softly.

"It's the merriest Christmas  
ever!"

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*Season's Greetings*

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May health . . . happiness . . . good cheer . . . and  
the best of everything be yours. And  
with the coming of 1948 . . . may the new year  
bring you success and as many joys as there are Christmas lights  
on your tree. While the carolers sing of  
"Peace on Earth—Good Will Toward Man" let the spirit of Christmas glow  
with an abundance of good things and happy memories.

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## TO THE EDITOR

The Editor, Era and Express: With 1947 coming to a close, we have just completed our advertising plans for 1948.

A record-breaking construction and building program and the installation of 10,000 new telephones every month still finds us faced with the same fundamental problem—an unsatisfied demand for service. There are nearly 100,000 unfilled orders for telephones, thousands of requests for additional equipment and a need for further increasing our capacity to handle long distance calls.

I think it is fair to say that this demand is related to the fact that we have doubled the number of telephone in service since 1927, yet up to now, in the face of rising costs, there has been no increase in the basic telephone rates established 20 years ago.

In 1948 as in 1947 we will concentrate 90 percent of our advertising in over 300 regular daily and weekly Ontario and Quebec newspapers published in the exchanges operated by the Bell Telephone Company of Canada.

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I would be extremely ungrateful if I did not take this opportunity to thank you for the most satisfactory reproduction and good position that Bell ads regularly enjoy. Our agency will confirm our 1948 contract with you.

R. C. Scrivener,  
Advertising manager,  
The Bell Telephone Company of Canada.

The Era and Express is sold in Newmarket at Campbell's, Murray's I.D.A. Drugstore, Best's Drugstore, Hutchinson's, Myers', and the Corner Cupboard; in Aurora, at Morning's Drugstore, Hess' I.D.A. Drugstore, Willis' Drugstore and Whitelaw's.



## The Common Round...

By Isabel Inglis Colville

### IN THE WAKE OF CHRISTMAS

Sometimes I think we lose sight of Christmas, the "Holy" day, in the re-unions, the gifts, the feasting and fun of Christmas, the holiday.

Don't imagine for one moment that I do not love every tradition from the trimming of the Christmas tree which for us is always an adventure, the decorating of the living-room, the making of my great grandmother's plum pudding—my version of it anyway—the gift wrapping, the driving round on Christmas Eve to deliver parcels—and last but not least, the reading of Night Before Christmas on Christmas Eve when we feel as sure now as in childhood's day that we will hear on the roof "the prancing and pawing of each tiny hoof."

But beneath all the gaiety and merriment, the giving and the getting, is the foundation on which Christmas is built—"For unto you this day is born in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

Nor do we always remember what followed in the wake of Christmas. We were promised a Saviour—but do we always remember the marvellous way in which the "Light of the world" swallowed up the pagan darkness that was Rome?

Nearly every day we hear appeals for hospitals, for research laboratories—all these to aid in amelioration of suffering and the defeat of its causes.

Were all these alleviating agents known to mankind before Christ? We know they were not. They have sprung from the teachings of the great Physician to whom no sufferer ever appealed in vain; who never, while He walked the earth, refused the pleas of those who came to Him, believing, for healing.

Then there were the insane folk—those possessed by demons, how horrible was their fate! Can we imagine our insane living, say, among the rocky lands round Muskoka or in caves along the coast? Dependent for food on charity—a menace to themselves and everyone else. Then look at our hospitals for the mentally ill. Maybe they sometimes leave a lot to be desired but they are improving and all the time our doctors are learning how to deal with those whose sickness is of the mind; learning that in ment-

al as well as physical illness, there is always the hope of recovery.

Then there are the aged folk—often they were the forgotten folk—but at last we are learning through "thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" that these people, in the sunset of life, have a right to enjoy—not just endure—that sunset. We have not reached the desired goal of comfort for all the aged, but we are started in the right direction.

And the little children—Christ, who said "suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven", has at last penetrated our stupidity so that we are beginning to see that as the child is today, so shall the citizen be tomorrow.

We cannot escape that responsibility—they cannot be taught wholly in the schools nor in the Sunday-schools, not in the courts nor in the streets—the one and only solid and lasting foundation for a child's ideas, ideals and future happiness is the home—the Christian home.

So, in the wake of the birth of Christ comes all that makes life worth living.

Christ's whole life and Gospel were founded on love. So while we love, we live.

It is a strange and a sad thing to realize that the government which has repudiated Christianity is the main factor in the breaking up of the meeting of the Big Four foreign ministers.

We can only hope that the angelic message of "peace on earth, goodwill to men" will penetrate into Russia as it did into Rome.

Truth has a way of setting free the best in every man—it cannot always be hidden. The world was as dark before the first Christmas as it is now—darker, for it had not known the heaven of Christ's teaching for nearly 2,000 years.

So, believing that the mighty up-rush of Christ's power, that found its way into the dark corners of the world, is just as mighty yet, we can say from our hearts, "Merry Christmas", and with little Tim, "God bless us, every one."

## TO THE EDITOR

The Editor, Era and Express: If the annual school meeting was held in the evening instead of the morning, many more rate-payers and parents would be in attendance. It is of vital importance to this section a change should be made in the school board.

The bungling of the past few years has cost the section the loss of our continuation school. Elect businessmen to the school board. Re-open the continuation school with qualified teachers and there will be no doubt about school attendance.

Ratepayer,  
Mount Albert.

## HAND CLEANLINESS

Need for hand cleanliness is the subject of a bulletin issued by the Department of National Health and Welfare. It isn't only a matter of decency, but of vital health concern, say the doctors for bacteria inevitably collect on the hands and is readily transmitted. "It's sheer self-preservation to keep hands and nails clean," declares a health authority, "for disease can spread rapidly from the germs they may harbor."

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## Catnips

By GINGER

I have my paw back into working condition and can type quite freely again, but I never know what's going to happen next. A very nice lady was in the office the other day and quite accidentally stepped on me and during my flight out the door, she shut it on my tail. What's more, "junior," one of the reporters, did the same thing on Monday. I tell you it's not safe around here.

We don't work here at The Era on Saturday afternoons in normal times but during the Christmas rush it is like any other day. A week ago Saturday, assuming that there would be no people coming into the office, we settled down to the battle against time. Then it broke loose. Customers in their seasonal rush started to pour in the front door, and to top it off, the cartage men came to remove some old machinery. As nerves reached the snapping point, we pulled down the blinds, locked the doors and worked feverishly until the end of the day, but still with that haunting fear of interruption in the back of our minds.

Did I mention we have a new power paper cutter out in the shop? The engineer who created it should be knighted. To us, it is another milestone. You know the old kind—turn a great wheel and then get ten men on the lever to force down the knife. On this new gem, you just throw a couple of levers and it's finished. Don't know much about machinery but it's beautiful to watch. Oh yes, it's got a great big lighted dial for setting measurements.

Dave Mathewson from Bowser's was in the office last Wednesday and I was sure I had seen him before. He claims I used to hang around the store. Must have been during my state of amnesia before I came here. Just can't remember... oh well the past does not matter now.

Press day last week was Tuesday. The usual rush and everyone migrates to the composing room to wrap for mailing. I had forgotten Christmas was so close until someone started humming a carol. It wasn't long before everyone was singing. I like the Christmas spirit. I guess there are very few who haven't wondered why we can't have it the year round. There would be few problems.

# WITH EVERY GOOD WISH FOR A Happy Holiday Season

All that makes for a merry, merry Christmas... the voices of carol singers filling the air, the bells pealing melodiously, the holly wreaths hanging in the windows... all those things plus joy and happiness in your heart we sincerely hope is yours on this glorious holiday.

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The Mount Albert Telephone Company has installed a pay phone in its building opening on to the street so it may be used by the public night or day. This should be especially convenient to people wanting to phone after the office is closed at night.

"How do you manage to get money out of your husband?"  
"It's easy. I say, 'I'm going back to mother' and he immediately hands me the fare."

Having only recently moved into the district, she was determined to impress the neighbors. She arranged for a musical At Home and told her husband to see to the booking of a musician to entertain the guests.

"Have you engaged the pianist yet?" she asked a few days before the great evening.

"Yes, my dear," he replied, "a great virtuoso."  
"Never mind about his morals. Can he play?"—Financial Post.

**What  
When!  
Where!  
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AL and JOE**

**Homemakers' Exchange**

Salad combinations featuring red and green add a holiday touch to the Christmas meals. They also help to balance the menu by providing valuable minerals and vitamins.

Here are suggestions for salads of the right color. The first three are light enough to serve with the traditionally substantial Christmas dinner. The last one would be appropriate for a Christmas Eve late supper or, in fact, for any holiday supper as it would be prepared much before hand and would leave the hostess free to attend to the many last-minute details of entertaining.

**POINSETTIA SALAD**  
Cut from the top almost to the bottom, small, fresh tomatoes into six or eight sections. Spread the sections out to resemble poinsettia petals. Sprinkle the centres with a little sieved hard-cooked egg yolk.

**CHRISTMAS SALAD**  
Arrange on crisp lettuce leaf on salad plate a square of tomato aspic and a square of jelly cabbage salad colored green. (Mould salads in flat-bottomed shallow pans.) Garnish the red jelly with narrow strips of green pepper and the green jelly with strips of pimento to resemble the ribbon on a Christmas package. Serve with your favorite mayonnaise or salad dressing.

**CINNAMON APPLE SALAD**  
2 Cups granulated sugar  
1 1/2 cups water  
1 Tsp. cinnamon extract  
Few drops of red food color  
6 Jonathan apples  
Place the sugar, water, cinnamon extract and food coloring in a saucepan and bring to the boiling point. Pare and core the apples and when the cinnamon mixture boils, add the apples. Cook until they are tender, but

still firm. Remove apples and continue cooking the cinnamon syrup until jelly stage is reached. Remove from fire and pour over the apples. Cool and serve the cinnamon apples on a salad bed of crisp lettuce. Serve with mayonnaise.

**JELLIED VEGETABLE SALAD**  
1 Tbsp. (1 envelope) unflavored gelatine  
1/2 Cup cold water  
1 1/4 Cups boiling water  
1 Tsp. salt  
1/2 Cup sugar  
1/2 Cup lemon juice  
1/2 Cup vinegar  
1 Small onion, grated  
1 Cup crisp, shredded cabbage  
2 Tbsp. chopped green pepper  
1/2 Cup chopped carrots  
1 Cup chopped celery  
1/2 Cup sliced, stuffed olives

Method: Soften gelatine in cold water. Dissolve in boiling water. Add salt, sugar, lemon juice and vinegar. Stir to dissolve sugar. Chill until partially set. Add remaining ingredients. Chill in oiled individual moulds or a shallow pan. Serves six. Serve with Russian Dressing.

**MOCK RUSSIAN DRESSING**  
To 1/4 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing add 3 tsp. cream and 3 tsp. chili sauce. Mix well. Chill. Makes 1/2 cup.

Guest contributor of the week is Mrs. H. R. Bennett who has sent in the following recipe:

**COCOA CAKE**  
Cream well together: 6 tsp. shortening, 1 cup white sugar, 1 tsp. vanilla, 1 egg; sift: 1 1/2 cups flour, 6 tsp. cocoa, 1 tsp. baking soda, 1/4 tsp. cinnamon.

Add second mixture to first creamed mixture and add 1 cup milk. Beat well for two minutes. Bake in 9"x12" pan 30-35 minutes in moderate oven (350 degrees).

**BIRTHDAY CLUB**

Birthday wishes are extended this week to:

Keith Edward Graham, Mount Albert, eight years old on Tuesday, Dec. 16.

Carol Alva Creed, Newmarket, ten years old on Thursday, Dec. 18.

Willma Ellen Smith, Holland Landing, three years old on Thursday, Dec. 18.

John William Merchant, Schomberg, four years old on Friday, Dec. 19.

Carol Joy Foster, Holland Landing, nine years old on Saturday, Dec. 20.

Margaret Ann Keffer, Newmarket, six years old on Saturday, Dec. 20.

Faisy Brooke, R. R. 3, Newmarket, ten years old on Saturday, Dec. 20.

Helen Metcalfe, Newmarket, one year old on Saturday, Dec. 20.

Kenneth Archibald, Schomberg, 12 years old on Sunday, Dec. 21.

Bobby Burch, Newmarket, 14 years old on Sunday, Dec. 21.

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Kathleen Edwards, Newmarket, 12 years old on Monday, Dec. 22.

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(Intended for last week)  
Mr. Bob Bamford and a friend of Toronto, spent the weekend with Rev. and Mrs. Bamford.

Miss Olive Meyers spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob J. Meyers.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Marr visited Mr. and Mrs. John Galbraith on Monday, Gary returning with them.

Mr. and Mrs. James Galbraith are spending a few weeks with their daughter, Mrs. G. Parker of Weston, and Mr. Parker.

The Young Adult Group held its regular meeting at the home of Miss Ina Walker on Saturday evening.

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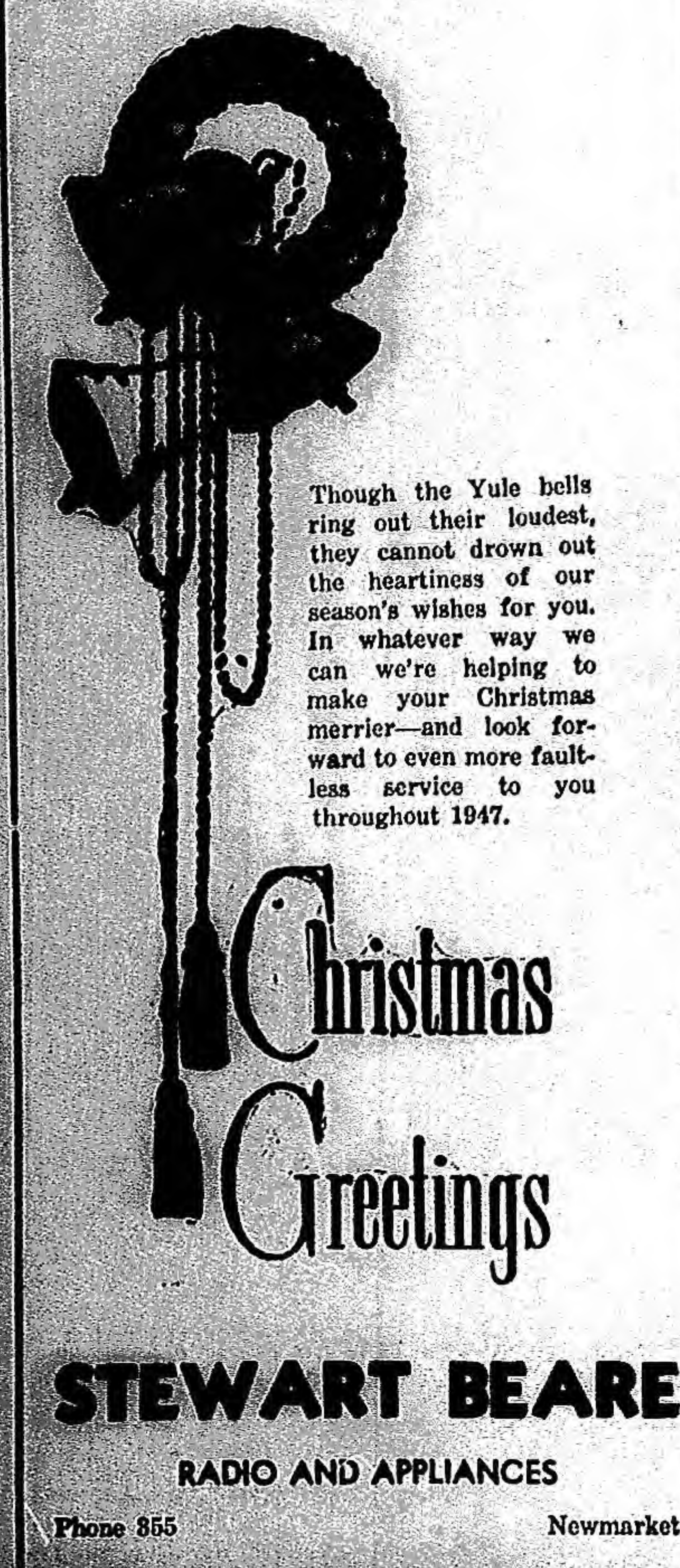


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All its gladness and goodwill!  
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May the season's many blessings,  
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**Christmas Greetings**

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**HOLIDAY at HOME**

It was three nights before Christmas and Margaret was packing to go home. Contrary to traditional sentiment, she was not happy about it, for she had planned to stay in New York with Ralph. With considerable forethought she had even planned the day; church in the morning, Christmas dinner with Amy and Bill, a walk down Fifth Avenue at twilight, a snack of supper, and the theatre.

But Ralph had been invited to a "swell house party in Philadelphia." Margaret slammed down the top of her suitcase. She could have borne up under a Christmas with a lonely mother, or a widowed sister.

"What about me?" she had longed to cry out, but she had, instead, smiled and said that it was just too marvellous, wondering meanwhile if Mr. Johnson would let her have an extra day off. Ralph had only to go to Philadelphia, two hours away, while she had no one within 500 miles!

Now she was ready, bag in hand, for the midnight train. As she waited for the taxicab, she



smoothed her black tailored woolen frock over her slim hips. If New York hadn't been particularly kind to her, it had at least taught her how to dress!

She couldn't sleep on the train. Closing her eyes, she saw the cluttered desk which she had left at Roswell's Advertising agency, and Mr. Johnston's kindly face when he had told her to go home for Christmas. She saw Ralph's desk in the manager's office, Ralph dancing in Philadelphia, Ralph opening Christmas gifts—and just Ralph, with whom she would never again share good times.

There was a three-hour wait for the local train at Pittsburgh, but Margaret was too tired and depressed to leave the station. After buying a magazine featuring an article on men, and an astrological delineation of her birthsign, she settled herself into the practical task of trying to determine her future in this most unpredictable world. Several hours later, not much wiser but more weary, she stood on the porch of a white frame house.

The door opened and Margaret blinked.

"I win!" shouted Ralph triumphantly. "She came on the midnight train!"

Mrs. Brown rushed out to the hallway and enfolded her daughter in an ample, motherly embrace. "Margaret! Why child, you're a sight! Your face is as black as coal."

Margaret withdrew herself from her mother's arms and looked at the two of them coolly. "Well, if it isn't asking too much, just what is this? Not a weekend in Philadelphia, I believe!"

Ralph took her bag and magazine and helped her out of her coat. "Don't be like that, Margaret! I bet your mother a box of candy against a mince pie that you'd come down on the midnight train."

"And what, exactly, are you doing here?"

"Margaret!" chided her mother.

"I invited myself. A surprise for you, and then I wanted to talk to your Dad about something..." Ralph was awkwardly turning the magazine in his hands. "Jumping fishes!" he exclaimed. "Look at the little red book!" He opened it to a centre page, and read: "The natives of this sign are more than likely to have short tempers."

"Give it to me!"

Ralph held it tantalizingly out of reach and Margaret stamped her foot. "Ralph Wells," she said, "I come home for a rest and the first thing you do is make fun of me. If I have a complete breakdown it's your fault. Give me that book!"

"There, there," comforted her mother. "You go upstairs and get washed. You'll feel better."

Margaret started up the stairs, then turned in sudden remembrance. "Are you staying over Christmas?" she asked Ralph.

"I had expected to."

"You might as well. There's a dance Christmas Eve."

At the top of the steps she turned again. "And don't forget, half of that pie is mine. After all, I did the coming home!"

"She's tickled to death to see you," whispered Mother Brown cautiously. She patted his arm, and Ralph understood.

**"BE THOU WELL" ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

Among the happy customs of Christmas is that of drinking a wish for health and happiness to the assembled guests—the early name used was "wassail."

The name "wassail" is a contraction of the middle English "waes hael," meaning "be thou well."

Wassail was usually prepared in a large wooden bowl. The base of the drink, which was cider, was placed in the bowl and other ingredients added for seasoning. It was then set on the hearth in front of a log fire and apples were tied above. As the apples began to roast, the juice dripped into the wooden bowl.

Here is a recipe for wassail today:

1 gallon cider, dash of grenadine, 6 egg whites, separated and whipped. Add allspice, cinnamon, crushed cloves to suit and one pint of milk or cream.

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man. It is those qualities which make Christmas the most joyous season of all.

Truly, there is "joy to the world" in abundant evidence of self-giving, of hands clasped in friendship, of hearty good wishes. How insignificant are the little troublesome things of the world in the light of the Christmas spirit that pervades the world!

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An additional course of honey and porridge is also served: called Koutla, the dish represents the holy crib: the porridge represents the straw—as in the manger—and the Holy Infant is symbolized by honey and fruit: the honey is also considered symbolic of the spirit and blood of the Saviour.

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CHRISTMAS POEM

The time draws near the birth of Christ. The moon is hid; the night is still; The Christmas bells from hill to hill Answer each other in the mist. Four voices of four hamlets round, From far and near, on mead and moor, Swell out and fall, as if a door Were shut between me and the sound. Each voice four changes on the wind, That now dilate, and now decrease, Peace and good-will, good-will and peace, Peace and good-will, to all mankind. —Tennyson.

Day Days

Mary Crane emptied the last tub and stood it against the shed to drain, sighing her thanks that if she must wash clothes on Christmas Day the job was at least over and done with by noon. She had just returned to the kitchen when a knock came at the door. It was her neighbor, Hattie Jamieson, decked out in her finest.

"Aren't you the one," Hattie exclaimed, "washing clothes on Christmas Day?"

Mary conceded it wasn't the best way to pass the day, but added that it must be done. "I wonder if you'd do me a favor?" Hattie asked. "John and Fanny have asked us to come to town for Christmas dinner and the tree tonight. You know, times were a little tough for Henry and me this year, so I took those two little State orphans to board. Now, I don't want to leave them at home alone, and Fanny wouldn't want them to come mingle with her youngsters." She sighed faintly.

"Would you let them come stay with you for the evening?" "Why," of course," Mary replied, smiling. "It will make Christmas for me, who was spendin' it alone. What time will they come?"

"Fanny's sending the car for us about five o'clock, and we'll drop them off here on the way." After Hattie had left, Mary mused that she didn't suppose the Lord thought Fanny's children too good to mingle with these two orphans, but after a moment she realized there was much to be done. By five o'clock she had walked to the store and spent her few pennies on two tiny pairs of red mittens, which were now hanging on the little spruce tree Mary had cut in the back yard. And in the kitchen a hot, hearty supper was waiting.

Mary sat in the living room, waiting. "Lucky I did that extra washing today, so I feel justified spending those pennies on the youngsters. Those children must have a Christmas, and maybe—" she sighed — "I shan't have a home another year!"

Waiting there in the old rocker, her head dropped slowly, and Mary Crane fell asleep...

"One thing I'd like to do before dinner," rich old Andrew Craig said to his wife. "S'pose there's time? You remember Mary Crane had some tough luck a few years back. She borrowed money from the bank on her house and couldn't keep up the payments. Well, the directors decided not to give her any more time."



"I couldn't help remembering our lean years, Sue, when Mary was our neighbor and worked day and night to pull you through pneumonia. So I just gathered in that debt — it was only a few hundreds — and had some papers made out to Mary. I'd kind of like to take them out to her on Christmas night."

Sue pulled his head down and kissed him. "It will take just ten minutes to pack a basket for you to take along," she reckoned swiftly. "If you drive there and back in half an hour, you can do it. Remember, we have guests coming."

It was snowing when Andrew alighted from the car. A lamp showed him Mary's kitchen through the window, the cheery tree, and the sleeping old lady. He tip-toed in and placed his basket on the table, papers on top. The latch of the door aroused Mary.

Her small guests rushed in a few minutes later to find Mary holding the papers to her heart, her face alight with joy.

"Merry Christmas, Mary," cried the little girl. "There was a man on your steps when we came down the lane. We saw him plain as could be!"

"You're right," said Mary. "Andrew Craig is a man, if ever there was one."

"Not the man in the fur coat," insisted the child. "It was another just behind him. All tall and bright and—beautiful."

"Well," said Mary. "I'm not surprised. Some folks might say it was shadows and lamplight and snowflakes, but"—tapping the papers—"wherever there's things like this goin' on Christmas night, I'm persuaded He's there!"

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Mistletoe Distinct As Yule Decoration

Mistletoe, that distinctive Christmas green so common in many parts of America, is usually thought of as merely good holiday decoration or as a creator of open season on ladies fair for otherwise bashful swains. Mistletoe did not always hold this position in our lives. The Druids called it "all-hail," and thought it held many miraculous virtues. The Scandinavians dedicated it to their goddess of love, Friga. Probably this goddess of love is responsible for the custom of kissing under the mistletoe.



legends, traditions and even in ancient histories and literature. Mistletoe is a parasite, which infests branches of various trees of both hardwood and conifers, but mainly on hardwoods. One species is found exclusively, however, on conifers.

Among the Celts and others, mistletoe which grew from the oak was considered to have peculiar magical virtues not possessed by that from any other trees. Some even considered it so rare as to be only cut with a gold knife.

Another old tradition is that the mistletoe supplied the wood for the holy cross, as previous to that time it was a forest tree but after the crucifixion was condemned to exist only as a dwarf parasite.

Mistletoe was taken over into the Christian tradition in due course and dedicated to the Christ Child. An old rhyme reads:

The mistletoe bough Shall hang to the honor Of Christ our Lord.

Hunting The Wren In Old Ireland

Once upon a time in Ireland, the wren was hunted and killed on Christmas morning; a branch of holly and bright ribbons were attached to his body which was carried from house to house by wren boys who sang songs and expected to receive a dole from each household.

The story goes that during the Danish-Irish war, the Danes were resting after an arduous march and the Irish were creeping up quietly. All of a sudden a wren, spying a few crumbs which the drowsy Danish drummer had dropped on the drumhead, swooped down and began to peck at the crumbs. The pecking awakened the boy, who aroused the camp: the Irish, driven off and defeated, blamed the wren.

Modern Irish, ashamed of the once-honored tradition, say the guilty bird may have been a starling or a sparrow anyway, and now welcome the wren to their farms and homes.

Miracle Play In Modern Texas Town

Los Pastores, the hybrid Spanish-Indian miracle play introduced to Mexico centuries ago by Spanish monks and presented in San Antonio during the Christmas season, is enacted primarily for its spirituality.

A group of amateur actors go from house to house by invitation and because it is traditional that no one prompted by idle curiosity should witness the performance, only the initiated can find the scene of presentation.

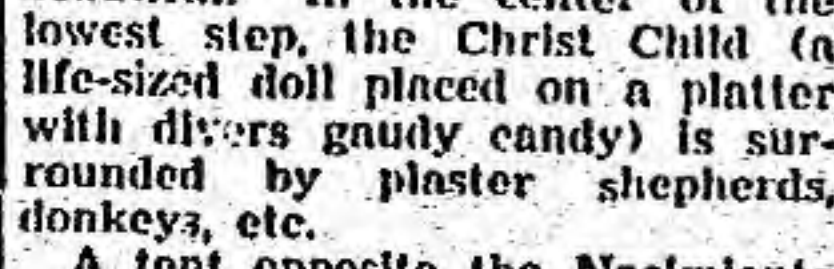
Usually someone's back yard becomes the stage, the doorsteps serve as background for the Nacimiento. Manger scene: various objects are set on the stairs; pieces of crockery, tinsel, pin cushions, patron saints—anything the household considers especially beautiful. In the center of the lowest step, the Christ Child (a life-sized doll placed on a platter with divyrs gaudy candy) is surrounded by plaster shepherds, donkeys, etc.

A tent opposite the Nacimiento gives evidence of representing hell: a bonfire has been built within and live devils emerge therefrom.

The play has no definite time for beginning, but finally, a girl starts to walk back and forth reciting. Overdressed shepherds drone a seemingly endless song. Ermitano, the comic relief, carrying a rosary of spoils, also represents the soul of its earthly journey and is often accompanied by the white winged Archangel Gabriel.

It is a never-ending performance: seven devils, six in sequined black with animal masks and the

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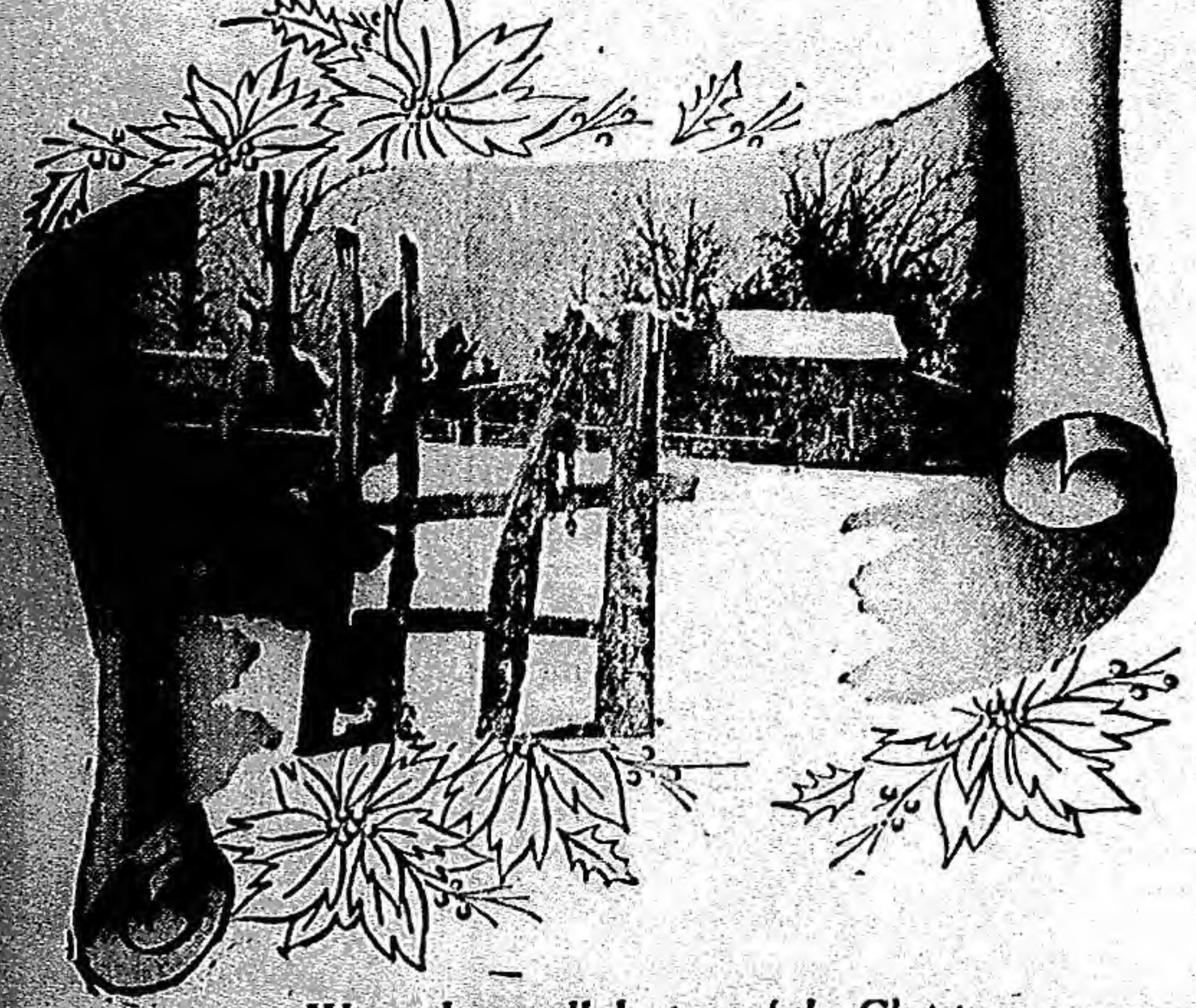
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Divinations were an important part of the Christmas festivities in Czarist Russia.

After a special family Christmas dinner, the girls of the household placed five piles of grain upon the kitchen floor; each pile was given a name, such as Hope, Ring, Money, Thread and Charcoal. A drowsy hen was fetched from the henhouse and allowed to walk around the kitchen floor and choose a pile of grain.

Obviously the hen's choice of

Money meant wealth; Ring, foretold a wedding within a year; and Hope, promised the fulfillment of a wish or a long journey. If the sleepy chicken chose the grain designated as "Thread," a life of toil was predicted for the marriageable maiden of the household; and Charcoal was considered an omen of death in the family. Old songs were sung to accompany such goings-on, while the girls and women vied to devise complete stories based on the antics of the hen.

Yule Means December The word "Yule" for Christmas comes from the Anglo-Saxon "geol" meaning December.



Though many things seem very different from the way they used to be, one thing will never change - our traditional Canadian Christmas. Merry Christmas to all.

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## St. John's Pupils Present Annual Christmas Concert

Newmarket - On Monday evening, Dec. 15, in the town hall the pupils of St. John's Chrystom's school presented their annual Christmas concert before a large and appreciative audience. The stage was beautifully decorated in red and white with welcome banners and crests in blue, white and yellow, the school colors. Promptly at 8 o'clock, Murray MacDonald, who acted as chairman, welcomed the parents and friends of the pupils and expressed the wish that one and all would enjoy the program of choruses by senior pupils, rhythm band selections, the solo parts being played by Colleen Cain under the baton of Margaret O'Halloran; recitation by Tom Taylor, My Dad Tries Impiring; musical dialogue by Shirley Trivett and Billy Cain; a short skit, The New Hat, by John Insley, Anne Ewing, Antoinette Bondi, Patsy Quinn, Betty Daly and Roxie West.

Rodney West delighted the audience with two coronet solos. A comic play, The New Housekeeper, was ably presented by Kenneth Burke, Tom Taylor, Jeanne MacDonald, Donna O'Halloran, Margaret Cullen, Bobby Wilson, Bernice Caradonna and Mary Perrin. Donna O'Halloran recited an English girl's version of

a First Baseball Game. The highlight of the evening's performance was a drama by the senior pupils, entitled Long Ago In Judea. Bill McHale, in the role of Herod, displayed exceptional dramatic ability. Other characters who excelled themselves in the interpretation of the roles enacted were Anne O'Connor, Phares, Herod's favorite slave; Antoinette Bondi, Marius, Herod's spy; Charlie McGuire and Kenneth Cassavoy as two slaves; Rodney West as Darius, the scribe; Margaret Jones, good angel; bad angel, James Cassavoy; guards, Murray Young and Jimmie Bryson; wise men, James Cain, Walter Cain and Bruce Rowland; angel guardian, Jeanne MacDonald; angel Gabriel, Donna O'Halloran; St. Joseph, Murray MacDonald, and Joyce Casey as the Blessed Virgin.

A tableau of singing angels around the crib brought the program to a close. Before the program opened and during the interludes, Miss Hilda Tumelty delighted the audience with Christmas carols on the violin. Some members of the C.Y.O. acted as ushers while others assisted back stage. St. John's school is under the direction of the Sisters of Providence, Kingston.

## On The Ski Trails

By BOB SPEAR

The re-organized Newmarket Skiing club has acquired the rights of the old Newmarket Skiing club over the ski trails on property owned by Fred Smith bordered by the second concession of King and the Varsity trails and intends to build a permanent clubhouse on the property in the near future. We will then have one of the best runs in the district.

There are 200 acres or ten miles of ski trails to be used by the members, and we have obtained the services of Swiss ski expert Bob Haldi as an instructor for both novices and more advanced skiers.

Transportation has also been arranged, and a truck will leave from the town hall, Newmarket, at 1:30 p.m. every Sunday, skiing conditions permitting. Transportation will also be arranged for Saturday afternoons.

Membership fees for adults are \$2; for high school students \$1; and for children 50 cents. We are looking forward to the biggest year ever in the club. Anyone interested may contact any member of the executive, Cliff Bell, president; Bob Spear, vice-president; and Marjorie Bailie, secretary-treasurer.

## WASSAIL BOWL FOR AULD LANG SYNE

The Wassail bowl goes around in Scotland — and elsewhere — at New Year's time.

The origin of the custom is really lost in antiquity; Saxons, uncivilized, probably quaffed their ale from the polished skulls of defeated enemies, and the Rowena legend must be classified as "pre-scientific fiction."

Rowena is reported to have offered her father's guest, Prince Vortigern, a bowl of wine with the salutation "Lord King, wassail!" literally, "To Your Health." Drinking the bowl with one draught, Vortigern fell in love with Rowena and they lived happily ever after.

Anyway, in time the bowl itself became an ornament of graceful design — decorated with branches of greenery which formed a canopy over the bowl. The mixture within was warm and included ale, sugar, spices, sweetened wine was added by hosts who could afford it, apples floated on top of the concoction, sometimes called "lamb's wool" or the "old man's

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